

**BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
MARCH 11, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:
BANKER, SUPERVISOR
BOSS, TREASURER
ROSENBERG, CLERK
MAJESKI, TRUSTEE
ALLEN, TRUSTEE

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by the Township Supervisor.
- 2. The Pledge of Allegiance was said in unison by all.
- 3. Roll Call of Officers:
Roll call was taken. Five members present, a quorum. Twenty-One residents present.
- 4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**
Changes to the agenda: No Assessor Report.
Motion by Dale Majeski to approve agenda. Support by Bud Banker. Motion carried.
- 5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Motion by Sue Allen to approve minutes of the 2/11/14 meeting. Support by Dale Majeski.
Motion carried.
- 6. **ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER’S REPORT AND BILLS**
Motion by **Bud Banker** to approve Treasurers Report and payment of bills.
Support by Dale Majeski. Motion carried.
- 7. **TOWNSHIP REPORTS:**
 - A. Sheriff Department Report: Deputy Peacock handed out a written report and verbally reported it has been a quiet month. There were no questions from public.
 - B. Fire Dept. Report: Chief Laskowski reported a busy month with 10 fire runs and 9 medical runs for the month. They had township meeting; training (lifting and moving patients) 2 truck checks; communication trng. The BLTFFA is holding a Community Yard Sale on June 21, 2014. \$10 per spot plus donate a baked good.
 - C. **Hospital Report:** Sue Allen reported they had a big presentation on compliance; she had a one hour meeting with new Hospital Adm. Kevin Rogel. His goal is to make the hospital more visible and he wants to be very involved in the community.
- 8. **TOWNSHIP BOARD UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A. **Road Endings:** The Supervisor reported we received a document from King & King law firm. We had a meeting with our township attorney last Friday at 10 am which was posted within proper time frame in accordance with open meetings act. There were several questions answered regarding the road endings. A resolution must be adopted by the Board which King & King is drafting and we do not have yet. Our attorney will go over it first. This issue will be put on the agenda for April 8, 2014. The Board would like to hear the public comments about this at the end of the regular business under Public Input.

9. BOARD MEMBERS CONSIDERATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- A.** Supervisor: The Board of Review met March 4, 2014. They have three members with Jim Knight being chairperson. The first appeal session was March 10th. They had 12 appeals. The last appeal session will be this Friday from 3 – 9 p.m.
- B.** Treasurer: She turned the tax records over to the County collecting over 2.95 mil in winter and summer taxes. There is a \$130,000 unpaid balance which will be paid to us by the County.

Clerk: She presented the Schedule of Meetings for fiscal year 2014 – 2015. Our meetings are the second Tuesday of the month as follows: 4/8/14; 5/13/14; 6/10/14; 7/8/14; 8/12/14; 9/9/14; 10/14/14; 11/11/14; 12/9/14; 1/13/15; 2/10/15; 3/10/15.

Motion by Sue Boss to accept Schedule of Meetings for 2014-2015. Support by Sue Allen. Motion carried.

The Clerk presented budget amendments for 2013-2014 budget to keep budget balanced. The total budget does not change just some line items need to be adjusted within cost centers. Motion by Sue Boss to approve budget amendments. Support by Bud Banker. Motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. The Supervisor** reported the Custodian and Assessor contracts expire 3/31/14. Both have expressed desire to stay another year at the same rate. It was noted that the Custodian Contract be changed to include that the office door be kept cleared on Fridays. If we receive two inches of snow it must be removed by 9 am.
- Motion by Sue Boss** to prepare contracts for Custodian and Assessor for the new year 2014=2015. Support by Bud Banker. Motion carried.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

**** These comments all relate to the road endings:**

- John Shull, lot owner on Bear Lake, in favor of vacating road endings of Summerdale and Edgewater Beach. He sites abuse of road ending privilege (illegal parking, mooring of boats, loitering, cost of maintenance, liability) Much misinformation out there: the Township cannot sell road endings – it requires Circuit Court action.
- Jean Babiarcz states she is totally against this. She has documents saying she has lake access. She lives at 11474 Hillcrest. She has moored her boat there overnight. She feels her property value will decrease if these road endings are made private.
- James Walquist, 11526 Hillcrest, is against closing the road endings. He uses Summerdale. He feels that it will effect property value with no access to the lake at these points.
- Joe Winans, 11344 Hillcrest, is against closing road endings. He has had access from across the road since 1997. He stated if this happens, he will file a countersuit.
- Gerald McKee, lives on the lake and agrees with the last two prior speakers. The Township now has jurisdiction and they spent the money to survey all road endings, put up posts, signs, etc. The Township should support all the people in the township and around the lake.
- Jim Knight is against closing road endings. He feels the problems are law enforcement problems.
- Nola Knight has owned property since 1952 and has used road endings at different times. Would like to keep road ends open.
- Lisa Winans feels that the property taxes of those across from the lake should go down if those road endings are closed. They cited Senate Bill 778 which passed last year regarding the road ends on lakes.

- James Walquist stated they were only given 30 days when they received letter from law firm, King & King.

The Supervisor stated when Township received their letter, he contacted King & Kings and said we were unable to respond in that time frame.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Bud Banker to adjourn at 7:51 pm

Support by Sue Allen. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Rosenberg, Clerk