

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP MINUTES
7771 Lake St., Bear Lake, MI
REGULAR MEETING
September 19, 2017

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Griffis, Pattison, Ringel, May, and Harthun.

Others present: Barb Farfsing, Earl Ware, Jason Hilliard, Dave Lamz, Ken Slater, Christie Johnson, Don Raiff, Liz Raiff, Rob Carson, Christopher Varenhorst, Cindi McPherson, Greg McPherson, and Sean Adams.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was said.

Board members received copies of the Agenda, August regular meeting minutes, Treasurer's Reports and List of Bills for the month and Budget.

Changes/Additions to Agenda: Griffis made motion to approve the agenda, adding Chris and Rob as speakers at Brief Public Comment. May seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes: Griffis made motion to accept the August meeting minutes. May seconded. Motion carried.

Christopher Vorenhurst, Eclipse Communications regarding systems update and surveillance for recycling area.

Rob Carson, Manistee County Planning Director presents the wrap-up of the yearlong planning process for the entire US 31 corridor of Manistee County.

Heard Brief Public Comment.

Treasurer's Report: Pattison made motion to accept the August Treasurers report. Ringel seconded. Motion carried.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Adams read report.

- ♦ Pattison made motion to accept the \$500.00 rescue donation from Charles Eminger. Ringel seconded. Motion carried.

Planning Commission: No report.

Assessor report: Place report on file.

MC trail report: No meetings.

Sewer Authority: Harthun reported at first meeting chose officers passed two resolutions and next meeting October 4, 2017.

Request for attached **correspondence** from Christie Johnson to be included with minutes and read aloud.

Bills: Griffis made the motion to pay all bills listed, including \$127.21 Jason Hilliard, \$195.32 Justin Beaver, \$160.23 BP, and any other routine bills. Ringel seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

- ♦ Griffis made motion to approve the 2018 Household Refuse dates and to print the pass. Pattison seconded. Motion carried.
- ♦ Griffis made motion to accept Judge's Snowplowing proposal for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 seasons for the Township Hall at \$65.00 per time, and Fairview Cemetery at \$30.00 per time. Pattison seconded. Motion carried.
- ♦ Ringel made motion to accept Griz's Excavating estimate for 2017-2018 winter season at \$60.00 per hour and \$100.00 per hour for use of loader for the transfer station site. Griffis seconded. Motion carried

New Business:

- ♦ May made motion to accept Spicer Group estimate for professional services to survey Division Street Public Access site the Wildwood Subdivision and Hopkins Forest Lakeside Plat for \$1,000.00. Griffis seconded. Motion carried.
- ♦ Ringel made motion to accept Eclipse Communications systems update proposal for \$3,575.25. Griffis seconded. Motion carried.

Heard public comments.

The next regular Township Board meeting is, October 17, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

No other business...Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Pattison Bear Lake Township Clerk



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Thu, Aug 24, 2017 at 1:07 AM

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Message: I am submitting this email for entry to the Township minutes. I would appreciate it if they could be read at the next township meeting. I would like the board to consider the message in my email as it relates to our community rather than a few personal agendas. " With the controversy surrounding sewer talk in our town, I would think it would make more sense to go back to the drawing board like Arcadia did and find a better way, one that our community can live with economically? It would be smarter to put in place a perfectly workable protection plan based on inspection, regulation of compliance, and making onsite replacement resources available to anyone. Isn't that a more fair and equitable solution? Isn't the bottom line to make sure we ALL, not just a FEW, follow the same rules and practice plain common sense? The argument is that one sewer system is better than 300 points of potential contamination, but what if we could take simple steps to ensure that the vast majority of those 300 systems were up-to-date, in-compliance, and working properly? A more practical and pragmatic solution, one that we can put in place today, one that will protect our community without bankrupting us, one that treats everyone equally regardless of personal wealth, property value or location, a MUCH better solution?! Water testing is done regularly on our lake with no signs of contamination. I strongly believe it's inconceivable to allow a small group of elected officials to make a multi-million dollar decision such as this. How about inviting some citizens from Honor and Scottville and Ludington to come to the Board Meetings to talk to all of us about how their sewer systems have worked out for their communities? Thank you.

Christie Johnson 231.383.0640