

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

DATE: JULY 9 ,2024

TIME: 4:00 pm

PLACE: BEAR LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER

1. Call to Order: Supervisor Banker called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM with 8 public in attendance.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was said.
3. Roll Call of Officers: Bud Banker, Shirley Havens, Dawn Dannenberg, Jim Knight, Bob Dixon were all in attendance.
4. Adoption of Agenda: Havens made a motion, supported by Dixon, all aye, motion passed.
5. Conflict of Interest: Banker (N) Havens (N) Dannenberg (N) Knight (N) Dixon (N).
6. Adoption of Consent Agenda: Dixon made a motion, supported by Knight, all aye, motion passed.
 - A. Minutes of Previous Meeting 6-11-24
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 - C. Payment of Bills
7. Public Input: none.
8. Township Reports:
 - A. Assessor Report: Sally was in attendance; she gave a verbal and written report.
 - B. County Commissioner: Not in attendance.
 - C. Sheriff Dept. Report: Deputy Farrier was in attendance; he gave a written and verbal report.
 - D. Fire Dept. Report: Assistant Chief Mark was in attendance; he gave a written and verbal report. He asked for approval to add on a storage room 16'x 10' at the fire dept cost would be \$ 3,814.00 to Bryce Ludwig Workhorse Framing LLC, Dannenberg made a motion, supported by Dixon, roll call Banker(Y) Havens (Y) Dannenberg (Y) Knight (Y) Dixon (Y), motion passed.
 - E. BLTIA Report: Sam was in attendance; they been cleaning up the flower beds and asked if we would like more flowers planted at the flag poles, the board agreed. Sam had spoken with the Conservation District about putting in a bigger signage at the boat launch for invasive species, they agreed. Bear Lake SAD would pay for the new sign \$500.00, Dixon made a motion, supported by Havens, all aye, motion passed.
 - F. Hospital Report: Supervisor Banker gave a verbal report.
9. Old Business
 - A. Signage for Parking Lot: There have been complaints about vehicles parking for an extended amount of time. The board tabled this matter for now.
10. New Business
 - A. Kalkaska Library: Director John Roberts was in attendance; he did a review on the library millage renewal.
 - B. Date and Time for KMHC: The board agreed to have KMHC attend our regular board meeting on 1 of these dates August 13th or September 11th.
11. Board Members Considerations and Correspondence:
 - A. Supervisor – Clean up day billing from GFL has increased. He thanked all the people for their help on clean up day.

- B. Treasurer – Taxes are out it's been busy. She has new hours Tuesdays, Thursdays Fridays from 9am to 2pm and every 2nd Saturday from 9am to 12pm.**
 - C. Clerk – Public Accuracy Testing will be July 19th at 3:15 PM.**
 - D. Trustees – Jim gave a report on an MTA meeting he attended, he also reported on Citizens for Local Choice. Jim thanked Bud for keeping us informed on the hospital.**
- 12. Public Input: Richard V commented on the hospital and short-term rentals.**
- 13. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Havens and supported by Dannenberg, all aye, meeting adjourned at 5:28 PM.**

Citizens for Local Choice

In November of 2023, legislation was signed into law called the Green Energy Initiative and Green Energy Reduction of 2023. This new initiative is to place solar panels and windmills throughout the state for Green Energy goals. This is scheduled to begin in November of this year 2024.

In part 8 of this new law, it supersedes local zoning laws and ordinances. Anyone disputing the placement of the windmills and solar panel would be subject to a hearing at the Michigan Public Service Commission, a three-person committee appointed by Governor Whitmer.

The Citizens for Local Choice, a statewide initiative, are circulating petitions to repeal part 8 of this new legislation. This would restore local control to Green Energy initiatives, solar and windfarms. The goal is to put this on the ballot in 2026, letting the voters decide what they want in their communities.

It was suggested that 200,000 acres of public land would be needed for this Green Energy initiative.

Petitions are at the Bear Lake Township Office. If you wish to sign a petition, please be a registered voter in Kalkaska County. If you have signed a petition concerning this, please do not sign another one.

Questions on this please contact me.

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