

**Bearville Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting
March 16, 2021**

The Bearville Town Board of Supervisors' meeting was called to order at 6:40pm with Supervisor Gene Baker, Supervisor Jennifer Cressy, Supervisor Janelle Driscoll, Treasurer Richard Barby and Clerk Kathy Cressy present. Also present: Dustin Nelson, Fire Chief, and Residents: Brian Wilde, Keitha Sixberry, Dave Watson and Laura Watson.

Agenda: Driscoll thinks we may need to cut short discussion on the open meeting law, she feels that it may have to be tabled.

Baker made a motion and JCressy seconded to approve the agenda. AIF motion carried.

Driscoll made a motion and Baker seconded to approve the February 9th Board of Supervisors' meeting minutes. AIF

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts: \$3,017.33 from Itasca County for Road Allotment, \$9,835.00 from Itasca County for CARES ACT, also received \$3,599.16 from MATIT for Insurance claim payment. (not on the bank statement yet)

	General	Road & Bridge	Hall	Fire	Cemetery
	81,645.66	10,263.05	6,911.81	33,052.20	4,528.97
Receipts	-----	3,017.33	-----	9,835.00	-----
Total Receipts	81,645.66	13,280.38	6,911.81	42,887.20	4528.97
Disbursements	2,385.44	2,000.00	371.71	10,605.65	-----
	79,260.22	11,280.38	6,540.10	32,281.55	4,528.97
Checking					
Bank Balance	132,115.46				
Outstanding Deposits	12,852.33				
Outstanding Checks	11,076.57				
Bank Balance Adj.	133,891.22				
All Fund Balance	133,891.22	\$133,891.22			
Investments					
General Fund CDS	154,000.00				
Road & Br. CDs	30,000.00				
Fire CDs	53,000.00				
Total Investment Balance	237,000.00	237,000.00			
Total All Fund and Inv. Bal.		\$370,891.22		February 26, 2021	

Barby reported that the signature card has been finalized with Security State Bank.

Baker made a motion and JCressy seconded to accept the Financial report. AIF. Motion carried.

Driscoll moved and JCressy seconded to pay claims. AIF

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**PERA EFT – 261.10
Frontier – 228.97
Liberty Heating and Air – 157.50
Jerulle Construction – 2,000.00
L&M Supply – 94.95
Lakes Gas -723.07
Cook News Herald Publ. Inc – 231.00
CC Campground – 119.53**

**Lake Country Power – 535.70
Payroll – 3,746.81
Nick Signs – 530.00
Itasca County Auditor – 1001.98
Cardmember Services – 94.92
Dustin Nelson – 10.08
Timberjay – 196.41**

GENERAL

Itasca County Road maintenance Contract: \$700.00/mile

Baker made a motion and JCressy seconded to contract with Itasca County for road maintenance for Bearville Twp Road 528 and to check feasibility of having the County plow the Town Hall parking lot at the town hall. AIF

The corrected/approved Emergency Preparedness Plan was signed by the board (in effect 2/9/2021.)

Keitha Sixberry spoke to board concerning the Open Meeting Law. She wanted to remind the Supervisors that they can not discuss any township business outside of a meeting. She feels that there are decisions being made, specifically about coverage of GRS, without action by the Town Board at a meeting. Sixberry asked the Board if there was a motion to participate in the discussions about the GRS coverage with St. Louis County. Additionally, Sixberry had concerns that the Town Board was allowing the Fire Chief to make decisions for the Township that are the Board's responsibility. Sixberry also questioned whether Bearville has signed Mutual Aid Agreements for the Mutual Aid areas Bearville is responding to (Cook, Orr and Bois Forte). Baker replied that the Board would need advance notification about questions, as the Supervisors do not have the meeting minutes from September -January in front of them. Driscoll said that the Open Meeting Law discussion could take quite a bit of time and may have to be tabled. Driscoll asked that the Fire Chief bring Mutual Aid Agreements to the Town Board. Baker requested that Keitha Sixberry send a list of questions that she will ask to the Board (via the Clerk) prior to the meeting so that the Board has some time to respond.

Baker made a motion and JCressy seconded to hold the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting on April 20, 2021 at 9:30am. AIF. Motion carried.

Inventory of Township property:

Baker made a motion and Driscoll seconded for the Town Board of Supervisors to inventory the Town Hall and the Storage Shed on May 18th directly after the Special Town Board Meeting. AIF motion carried.

JCressy made a motion and Baker seconded to return the Dr. Down Rescue Bag for a refund minus the shipping charges. AIF motion carried

Nelson will box up the bag and bring it to the Town Hall to be shipped.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

The Itasca County Bridge Report- Inspection report was read.

Driscoll made a motion to request that Tony Ridlon, Itasca County Bridge Inspector come to inspect the bridge with the Town Board of Supervisors on May 11th at 4pm. Baker seconded. AIF motion carried.

Little Bear Construction sent an estimate for 2021 grading, gravel and hauling. Driscoll wondered if we should have a second quote. Grading contract tabled to the April meeting.

Watson Bay Road- Dave Watson was present, they are looking for assistance in getting services (specifically snowplowing) for West Sturgeon Forest Road which gives them access to their road. Jay Madigan has been in contact with State Senator Tomassoni. Keitha Sixberry said that she had talked to Andy Carlson, DNR who told her that the State is talking about the Snake Trail and Beatrice Lake Road, upgrades possible from the State Park Road Account.

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Baker suggested that Bearville hold a Special Town Board meeting to address the West Sturgeon Road request and invite: Karin Grandia, Itasca County Engineer, Ben DeNucci, Itasca County Commissioner, Paul McDonald, St. Louis County Commissioner, Senator David Tomassoni, Andy Carlson, DNR.

Baker made a motion and Driscoll seconded to call a Special Town Board Meeting to discuss the West Sturgeon Forest Road on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 1 pm. At the Bearville Town Hall. AIF Motion carried.

HALL

No new business.

FIRE

Nelson reported 3 Fire calls during the month, all were Mutual Aid calls: Orr – trailer house fire (Tender requested), Cook, chimney fire, and Bois Forte – Mutual Aid, water hauling. The GRS coverage area and maps were discussed. Nelson said he sent a note to St. Louis County about changes to the contract.

Nelson reported that he had received a check from the Itasca County Fire Chiefs' Association for \$866.00 that he did not have with him. He would like to use the Matching Funds money (\$4500.00) and the \$866.00 to purchase SCBA bottles.

Driscoll made a motion and Baker seconded to use the Matching Funds and the Itasca County Fire Chiefs' Assn. check to purchase SCBA

Some discussion about a roll out fee. Driscoll would like to see a cost analysis for fire responses.

Barby explained to the Town Board that if we are levying for the Fire Fund that we are subsidizing all of the areas that we cover.

Baker made a motion and Driscoll seconded to reach out to Morcom and Carpenter Townships to show them the trucks, sometime within the next 3 months. AIF motion carried.

Fire rates will be on the agenda next month.

Baker made a motion to approve the fire report. Driscoll seconded. AIF motion carried.

CEMETERY

None

NEW BUSINESS

^{Baker} had information about the Website from Art by Design. Two proposals to update and monthly service. Tabled until the April meeting.

Baker made a motion and JCressy seconded to adjourn at 10:50 p.m. – AIF

Meeting adjourned

April 13, 2021

BEARVILLE TOWNSHIP CHAIRPERSON

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CLERK BEARVILLE TOWNSHIP