

# Bearville Township Board of Supervisors Meeting May 11, 2021

The Bearville Town Board of Supervisors' meeting was called to order at 6:50pm 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, and Little Bear Construction- road maintenance, Rick Reinhart.

Baker made a motion and JCressy seconded to approve the 4/13 agenda with the addition of the Inventory sheets. AIF motion carried.

Driscoll made a motion and JCressy seconded to approve the April 13<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors' meeting minutes and the May 11<sup>th</sup> Agenda. AIF

Driscoll made a motion to approve the 4/20 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization minutes. JCressy seconded. AIF motion carried.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts: \$950.00 from Dr. Down for returned item.

	General	Road & Bridge	Hall	Fire	Cemetery
	\$ 75,242.89	\$ 9,280.38	\$ 5,990.30	\$ 33,961.94	\$ 4,528.97
Receipts	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ 950.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	\$ 75,242.89	\$ 9,280.38	5990.3	\$ 34,911.94	\$ 4,528.97
<b>Disbursements</b>					
	\$ 75,242.89	\$ 9,280.38	5990.3	\$ 34,911.94	\$ 4,528.97
<b>Checking</b>					
Bank Balance	\$ 123,892.94				
Outstanding Deposits	\$ 950.00				
Outstanding Checks	\$ 501.42				
Bank Balance Adj	\$ 124,341.52				
<b>All Fund Balance</b>	\$ 124,341.52	\$ 124,341.52			
<b>Investments</b>					
General Fund CDs	\$ 154,000.00				
Road & Br. CDs	\$ 30,000.00				
Fire CDs	\$ 53,000.00				
<b>Total Investment Balance</b>	\$ 237,000.00	\$ 237,000.00			
<b>Total All Fund and Inv. Bal.</b>		\$ 361,341.52			

April 30, 2021

Baker moved and Driscoll seconded to approve the Financial Report. AIF

The Board reviewed Claims.

Baker made a motion and Driscoll seconded to pay Claims. AIF

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PERA EFT – 247.90  
Frontier – 229.59  
Support within Reach – 100.00  
Itasca County Agricultural Assoc – 100.00  
L&M Supply – 51.91  
MacQueen Emergency – 775.00  
Marcia Stoddard 125.60  
Timberjay – 153.10

Northern Business Products – 127.80  
Payroll – 3,771.41  
Cook Library – 100.00  
Elder Circle – 100.00  
Cardmember Services – 135.13  
MacQueen Equipment – 5500.00  
Cook News Herald Publ. Inc. - 147.00

**GENERAL**

Paul Bunyan- sent a brochure about connecting to the Internet. Some discussion about Internet and telephone, cost, what if power goes out. No action taken.

St. Louis County Contract: Contract for 2022 includes St. Louis County Unorg. 62-21 and Sections 25-36 of St. Louis County Unorg. 63-21.

Baker made a motion to contract with St. Louis County for 2022 fire protection services for St. Louis County Unorg. 62-21 and St. Louis County Unorg. 63-21, Sections 25-36. Driscoll seconded. Baker – yes, Driscoll – yes JCressy – no.

Fire rates were raised at last meeting by Driscoll by 3.5% across the board. Reason: anticipated operational cost increases, replacement equipment and supply purchases.

Driscoll asked whether the fire department can handle the additional coverage area.

JCressy asked how the fire department could cover with the limited number of members.

JCressy asked when both French and Bearville respond, how is it decided who gets paid by French and who gets paid by Bearville.

Nelson responded that the fire fighters that come on French’s truck or respond to the French call would be paid by French.

Donations:

Baker made a motion and JCressy seconded to donate \$100.00 to the Cook Public Library. AIF Motion carried.

Baker made a motion and JCressy seconded to contract with Support within Reach for \$100.00. AIF Motion carried

Driscoll made a motion to contract with Elder Circles to provide services to Bearville residents for \$100.00. AIF. Motion carried.

The Clerk stated that we also had a request from Northeast Itasca Rescue Service (first responders) but a motion was not passed at the Annual Meeting to donate to them.

**FIRE**

Nelson reported 2 Fire calls during the month. A fire on Hwy 65 by Betty Christiansons (DNR fire) so Bearville will be reimbursed. House fire on County Road 557, call came in at 12:05am, Bearville was on the scene at 12:18am. Mutual Aid from Cook, French and Bigfork were there. Structure was 75% gone when fire department arrived. An enclosed tool trailer was saved and wildfire to the rear of the property was suppressed. There was a meeting/training on 5/5 worked on Engine 1 & 2 and made duty roster for May.

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The Bearville Town Board passed a motion to proceed with talks with Koochiching County and St. Louis County. Baker and Nelson talked to Tom West, Koochiching County Auditor/Treasurer and were told Koochiching County is very interested in being part of the contract. A copy of the St. Louis County template was sent to Koochiching County.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE**

Road Inspection Report: Al Rudquist from Itasca County was present at the Road inspection. They looked at the bridge and bridge pilings, went over the report and documented any cracks. Rudquist said it was in good shape. He said prior to freeze up the dirt should be removed from the deck. The work crew at MCF-Togo will be asked.

Road/Culverts: talked about Class V mixes- there are soft spots and frost boils. There are two culverts that need to be watched. Culvert #10 (priority) – there are two; a 24” and a 30”. Reinhart suggests taking both out and replacing with one 36” X 40’. Steel or plastic? Reinhart will get quote.

Culvert #9 has no bottom about 4” in. It is completely rusted away.

Estimated Class V needed: North – 6 (10yd.) loads; South – 26 (10yd.) loads for a total cost of \$7,840.00.

Baker made a motion and Driscoll seconded to contract with Little Bear Construction for the purchase and spreading of 320 yds. Of Class V on Bearville Township Road 528 for a total cost of \$7,840.00. AIF motion carried.

Baker made a motion to approve a resolution to designate Gene Baker as liaison and Jenn Cressy, Alternate liaison for Bearville Township roads contact.

Baker talked with Dave Watson concerning road maintenance request.

**HALL**

No new business.

**FIRE (cont'd)**

St. Louis County Contract for Unorg. 63-21 and 64-21 for GRS area (2021) Agreement is on a per call basis. Baker made a motion and Driscoll seconded to contract with St. Louis County for fire coverage of St. Louis County Unorg. 64-21 and 63-21 Section 1-21 and Sections 29-30. Baker-yes, Driscoll – yes and JCressy – no. motion carried.

Nelson brought the DNR Cooperative Fire Agreement to the Board. Clerk asked why the Board is not required to sign. JCressy asked why we are not tabling the issue since it was not on the agenda. Driscoll said it was on the fire report. JCressy left the meeting at 10:20pm.

Baker made a motion and Driscoll seconded to sign the DNR Cooperative Fire Agreement. Baker – yes, Driscoll – yes and JCressy – No. Motion carried. Baker signed DNR Cooperative Fire Agreement.

Nelson asked the Board to fill out a credit application for Yoder Lumber (formerly Eriksons) Driscoll will check on it, they are asking for bank information.

Nelson reported that the Grand Rapids Fire Department is moving into a new building. They have an exhaust fan that they are giving away to someone who would remove it.

Baker made a motion and Driscoll seconded to authorize Nelson to get the exhaust fan. AIF Motion carried.

Nelson will check with the manufacturer to see if it is feasible for our building.

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By-Laws – tabled until the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The plan is to take the trucks out to Carpenter and Morcom Town meetings. Mike Laulunen and Tim Bjur will take them.

CEMETERY

None

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

Baker made a motion and Driscoll seconded to adjourn at 10:45 p.m. – AIF

Meeting adjourned

June 8, 2021

**BEARVILLE TOWNSHIP CHAIRPERSON**

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**CLERK BEARVILLE TOWNSHIP**