

Bearville Township Board of Supervisors Meeting June 8, 2021

The Bearville Town Board of Supervisors' meeting was called to order at 6:45pm with Supervisor Gene Baker, Supervisor Jennifer Cressy, Supervisor Janelle Driscoll, Treasurer Richard Barby and Clerk Kathy Cressy present. Also present: Mike Laulunen, Asst. Fire Chief, Little Bear Construction- road maintenance, Rick Reinhart. Dustin Nelson arrived at 7:00pm

Baker requested the May 11th, 2021 minutes to show that Pete Leschak, Town resident was present. Agenda items: add Little Bear Construction estimate for culverts on Bearville Road 528.

Driscoll made a motion and Baker seconded to approve the May 11th Board of Supervisors' meeting minutes as amended and the June 8th Agenda with addition. AIF

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts: \$0

	General	Road & Bridge	Hall	Fire	Cemetery
	\$ 71,907.50	\$ 9,280.38	\$ 5,474.38	\$ 33,149.85	\$ 4,528.97
Receipts	\$ -	\$ -	-	---	----
Total Receipts	\$ 71,907.50	\$ 9,280.38	\$ 5,474.38	\$ 33,149.85	\$ 4,528.97
Disbursements	\$ 3,674.89		\$ 147.55	\$ 7,597.69	-----
	\$ 68232.61	\$ 9,280.38	\$ 5,327.27	\$ 34,911.94	\$ 4,528.97
Checking					
Bank Balance	\$ 119,238.51				
Outstanding Deposits	\$ -----				
Outstanding Checks	\$ 6,317.12				
Bank Balance Adj	\$ 112,921.39				
All Fund Balance	\$ 112,921.39	\$ 112,921.39			
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.		\$ 349,921.39			
May 31, 2021					

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

The Board reviewed Claims.

JCressy asked about a claim for fire department for a part, was it an emergency? Shipping was nearly twice the cost of the part. JCressy will look into the cost of shipping.

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

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PERA EFT – 160.80
Frontier – 229.59
CC Campground – 81.76
Kathy Cressy – 8.96
L&M Supply – 5.38
Lake Country Power – 185.16
WS Darley – 58.95

Northern Business Products – 127.80
Payroll – 2308.99
Dustin Nelson – 123.20
Itasca County – 2,940.00
Cardmember Services – 79.92
Emergency Apparatus – 19.90
Cook News Herald Publ. Inc. - 42.00

GENERAL

Paul Bunyan-

Baker made a motion to switch to internet and Business phone with Paul Bunyan. JCressy 2nd AIF. The Contract with St. Louis County for 2021 coverage of St. Louis County 64-21 and 63-21 sections 1 through 21 and Section 29 and 30. Clerk asked for clarification. Are we covering any of 64-21? Baker will contact Phil Chapman for answers.

Clerk requested records of fire departments township records. Baker wanted to know what records. Driscoll wondered what the best way to keep the records.

JCressy made a motion and Driscoll seconded for Dustin Nelson, Fire Chief to get a key to the cabinet in the firehall to the Clerk. Driscoll – yes, JCressy – yes, Baker – no.

Facebook and website were discussed. Mike Laulunen is the Administrator of Bearville Facebook page. Val Enfield, who is tasked with the updating the Website and Facebook is out of town, Laulunen handed over the Facebook to Driscoll, who will get it to Val.

The Board reviewed the Land Use Permit for Michael and Carrie O’Neil Turtle Creek Rd (Addition, Sauna, Garage), Lee Warmuth – Walleye Creek Rd. (tear down cabin and replace with new structure), Jean and Norma McCarthy- Cedar Lane (garage)

The MN Association of Township is providing Advocacy efforts concerning Minnesota Tax Court Ruling that local governments in 13 Northern Minnesota Counties must repay Enbridge Energy for over taxation caused by the State Department of Revenue’s errors in valuing Enbridge’s property as far back as 2012.

Baker made a motion and Driscoll seconded that Bearville Township supports this Advocacy effort and will email a message to our legislators asking that the State pay for the mistake of the Department of Revenue. AIF.

ROAD & BRIDGE

Lake Country Power will be Spraying with in right of way of power poles. Itasca County will also be spraying certain sections with tree plantations.

Rick Reinhart from Little Bear Construction was present with estimates for culvert replacement on Bearville Township Road 528.

A 40’ plastic culvert with an additional 30 cu. Yds of Class V would run \$4,580.00

A 60’ plastic culvert, with additional Class V would be \$5,965.00

Driscoll made a motion to go with the 60’ option. Baker seconded. Driscoll -yes, Baker – yes, JCressy – yes. AIF motion carried.

Reinhart will have the job complete by 9/1/2021.

FIRE

Nelson reported 2 Fire calls during the month. A brush fire on the Snake Trail on 6/1/21 and an EMS lift assist on 6/5/21 that was cancelled. Members worked on Portable Pump Ops, Eng. 2 pump Ops.. Baker and Dustin Nelston will meet with Koochiching County. SCBA Cylinders were received for the 50/50 Grant from DNR. Invoice is due June 15th. Sophie Anderson resigned from the Fire Department.

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Nelson reported that retrofitting the pump would cost about \$25,000.00. He would like to keep the tires off of the excess property truck. They were purchased with Grant money.

Richard Barby would like a time table on when the exhaust system is going to be removed from the little storage building.

The Board reviewed the By-Laws. Driscoll had several suggestions. By-laws were returned to the Fire Department for members to review.

Baker wanted to make a motion to approve the fire report. Driscoll seconded. AIF.

Dustin Nelson wanted to request permission to take the fire truck to funeral processions for local fallen first responders.

JCressy asked if this could be tabled, since it was not on the agenda and she had an early start tomorrow.

Dustin Nelson responded "no."

JCressy left the meeting at 11:05pm.

Discussion concerning where trucks would be for processions. Baker made a motion to allow Volunteer Firefighter and vehicle to participate in procession for fallen EMS or First Responder with understanding - no pay. Driscoll seconded. Baker – yes, Driscoll- yes.

Mutual Aid Agreements Township and Fire Department were received from MCF-Togo. They expire on June 30. Tabled

CEMETERY: Clarke Garry will resume mowing the Cemetery. Richard Barby feels that the lawnmower will need to be replaced. He would like the smallest John Deere tractor from Grand Rapids. Baker said that a zero-turn is about \$2500.00.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

Mike Laulunen was present and wanted it documented that he as an elector was disgusted that JCressy left the meeting. He thinks that this is not the first time this has happened and wanted his statement documented in the minutes.

Mike Laulunen wanted to ask about a problem his neighbor is having. The neighbor is developing the property and had a disagreement with another neighbor. His property is on the lakeshore and neighbor is reporting him. First the DNR was out and then the Itasca County Land Dept. He wanted to know if the township could talk to the land department. Baker said he would call them.

Clerk reminded them that Bearville does not have Zoning and Baker should not represent as Bearville Township.

Baker made a motion and Driscoll seconded to adjourn at 11:28 p.m. – AIF

Meeting adjourned

July 13, 2021

BEARVILLE TOWNSHIP CHAIRPERSON

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CLERK BEARVILLE TOWNSHIP