

# Bearville Township Board of Supervisors Meeting July 13, 2021

The Bearville Town Board of Supervisors' meeting was called to order at 6:35pm with Supervisor Gene Baker, Supervisor Jennifer Cressy, Supervisor Janelle Driscoll, Treasurer Richard Barby and Clerk Kathy Cressy present. Also present residents: Mike Laulunen, Keitha Sixberry, Val Enfield, Gary Enfield, Chassity Greaver, Joel Greaver, Brian Wilde, Kelly Hedblom, Marcia Stoddard, Jemma Baker, Clayton Baker, Justin Driscoll, Dan Wooster (Morcom Twp), Dustin Nelson- Fire Chief

Driscoll wanted to add – the agenda and Fire Chief Job Description to the Agenda.

Baker reminded those present that we have a very full agenda and if people want to participate they will need to raise their hands.

Driscoll made a motion and Baker seconded to approve the June 8<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors' meeting minutes and the July 13<sup>th</sup> Agenda with addition of Agenda discussion and job description to General. AIF Motion carried.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts: \$1.00 from Nexus Lexus for copy of fire report, \$35,663.48 from Itasca County for apportionment and forfeited tax, \$3,546.66 from St. Louis County for second half Fire Contract for St. Louis County Unorg. 62-21, \$1,000.00 from State of Minnesota for DNR mutual aid on two brush fires, \$2,250.00 from State of Minnesota for Matching Funds Grant.

	General	Road & Bridge	Hall	Fire	Cemetery
	\$ 68,232.61	\$ 9,280.38	\$ 5,327.27	\$ 25,552.16	\$ 4,528.97
Receipts	\$ 20,929.53	\$ 38.31	5.80	\$ 21,487.50	\$ -----
<b>Total Receipts</b>	\$ 89,162.14	\$ 9,318.69	\$ 5,333.07	\$ 47,039.66	\$ 4,528.97
Disbursements	\$ 1,826.15	\$ 2,940.00	\$ 205.98	\$ 1,180.03	\$ 82.87
	\$ 87,335.99	\$ 6,378.69	\$ 5,127.09	\$ 45,859.63	\$ 4,446.10
<b>Checking</b>					
Bank Balance	\$ 111,261.58				
Outstanding Deposits	\$ 39,211.14				
Outstanding Checks	\$ 1,325.22				
Bank Balance Adj	\$ 149,147.50				
<b>All Fund Balance</b>	\$ 149,147.50	\$ 149,147.50			
<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>		\$ 386,147.50			
<b>June 30, 2021</b>					

Baker moved and Driscoll seconded to approve the Financial Report. AIF. Motion carried.  
The Board reviewed Claims.

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Baker moved and Driscoll seconded to pay claims. AIF Motion carried.

PERA EFT – 178.40

Frontier – 229.59

IRS 37.20

L&M Supply – 36.35

Lake Country Power – 157.56

Lakes Gas Co. – 151.79

Little Bear Construction and Repair- 7,376.00

Payroll – 2308.99

IRS – 930.96

Cardmember Services – 123.34

W.S. Darley & Co. – 375.95

Lake Country Power – 169.13

**GENERAL**

Clerk again requested the township fire department records.

JCressy made a motion and Baker seconded for Dustin Nelson, Fire Chief to turn the last 10 years of Fire Dept. Records to the Town Clerk by July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. AIF Motion Carried.

Additional Records discussion: Emails and Township business, good idea to not have on your personal computer and personal email.

Keitha Sixberry addressed the Board: She reminded the Board that they have duties and responsibilities. She was told by the Chairperson that she had to put all questions in writing. The Board appears to have a strong bias toward the Fire Department. There was no authorization by the Board to discuss Fire Protection with Koochiching County. The proposed By-Laws are exclusionary, with one person making the decision. Keitha asked how many fire fighters were at the meeting to change the By-Laws. There were 9 fire fighters attending the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. To say that other townships are funding the fire department is an illusion. This Board is focused on the Fire Department and special interests are being catered to.

Baker said that the board discussed the GRS and Koochiching County protection in September. Sixberry responded that there were no motions in the minutes authorizing Board members or the Fire Chief to negotiate with St. Louis County or Koochiching County. The motion was made in December for Baker to take over for Mike Laulunen in the discussions.

Baker would like the minutes to show that he remembers discussing the GRS coverage at the September meeting.

A Request for Records was received by Lexis Nexis for the Fire report from April 30, 2021 structure fire at 62279 County Road 557, Bearville. Baker made a motion to have the Fire Chief give a copy of the MNFIR regarding Peggy Kloeckl to the Clerk by July 14, 2021. Driscoll seconded. AIF Motion carried.

Baker left a message with Phil Chapman about the GRS Fire coverage questions. He also talked to Brenda George about GRS Fire Contract. George told him that the contract for 2021 and the 2022 contracts are totally different departments.

Internet/Facebook Policy: Baker wondered if we would need outside help to develop policies. Driscoll made a motion to table the discussion on the Bearville Internet/Facebook Policy Baker seconded. AIF Motion Carried.

ARPA Grants: Baker made a motion that Bearville pursue the ARPA Grants. JCressy will get info by July 27<sup>th</sup> and report back to the board at the August meeting unless a deadline necessitates a Special Town Meeting. Driscoll seconded. AIF Motion Carried.

MCF-Togo Mutual Aid Agreements:

Baker made a motion to send a letter to Warden Anselmo and discuss Bearville's limitations and begin the negotiations for a Mutual Aid Agreement. Driscoll seconded. AIF Motion Carried.

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**Excess Property:** It would cost \$650.00 to swap the tires from one truck to the other. The Fire Chief said that we should have a date set, he recommends putting tires on the truck at the fire hall. He checked with the Rural Fire Dept. about surplus tires. He will have an answer at the August meeting.

Baker made a motion to switch out the tires, if we get free DNR tires we will put them on the excess engine, provided they are decent tires, if not tires should be swapped between excess truck and Engine 1 at a cost of up to \$750.00 and that should happen by the next meeting. Driscoll seconded. AIF Motion carried.

**Agenda and Job Description:** Driscoll presented suggestions for a change in the Agenda; moving the financial to the later part of the meeting. She also presented a draft of a Job Description for the Fire Chief. Driscoll made a motion to table the proposed agenda changes and Fire Chief Position Description. Baker seconded. AIF Motion Carried.

**Minimum Maintenance Road Sign for Cedar Lane.** Baker will call the 5<sup>th</sup> District Road Maintenance Garage for information.

#### **ROAD AND BRIDGE**

**West Sturgeon Forest Road:** Tabled until the next meeting.

**Mowing Bearville 528:** Baker made a motion that due to the dry conditions Bearville 528 will not be mowed this year. Driscoll seconded. AIF Motion Carried.

Driscoll checked the work on Bearville 528, Class V hauling and spreading. She signed the Road Work Certificate.

#### **FIRE**

Nelson reported 1 Fire call on Lind Road during the month (smoke in the air). Training was held at Thistledew, drafting with all trucks.

By-Laws were resubmitted to the Fire Department members and they will discuss at the next meeting.

Mutual Aid Agreements are being worked on.

DNR Matching Funds Grant was submitted.

St. Louis County/Koochiching County update. Baker and Nelson met with Tom West, Koochiching County Auditor, for discussions on how we can contract with Koochiching County.

West came back with some thoughts (subscription services) He thought Bearville could bill direct, to the people. West called Nelson and said that Koochiching County would do the billing through the County, he called back and said then that they would not- Bearville would have to directly bill.

Baker sent a letter to Tom West concerning that proposal.

GRS – Koochiching will be on next months agenda.

Driscoll moved to keep fire protection for Koochiching County area up until August Board meeting to give West a chance to respond. JCressy seconded. Baker – yes, Driscoll – yes. JCressy - no

#### **CEMETERY:**

The Clerk reported that Viola Newman called with concern that someone had taken flowers out of pot that was on Jerry Newman's site and tore them up and scattered them around.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business

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**Correspondence:**

**Thank-you cards were received from: Emergency Maintenance Response  
Elder Care  
Cook Library**

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

**Meeting adjourned**

**August 10, 2021**

**BEARVILLE TOWNSHIP CHAIRPERSON**

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**CLERK BEARVILLE TOWNSHIP**