

Bearville Township Board of Supervisors Meeting May 9, 2023

The Bearville Town Board of Supervisors' meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by Chair Gene Baker with Supervisor Janelle Driscoll, Supervisor Mike Laulunen, and Clerk Kathy Cressy present. Also present- Dustin Nelson- Fire Chief and Rick Reinhart, Little Bear Construction.

Baker made a motion to add the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization minutes approval to the agenda and table the requests for donations and grants until the June meeting. Driscoll seconded. AIF Motion Carried.
Laulunen made a motion to approve the LBAE meeting minutes with changes (Laulunen was present at the reconvened April 26th meeting. Baker seconded. AIF motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts: \$0.11 from Security State Bank for interest.

	General	Road & Bridge	Hall	Fire	Cemetery
	\$ 95,780.67	\$ 2,584.22	\$ 990.18	\$ 66,206.78	\$ 1,035.13
Receipts	\$.11	\$ -----	\$ -----	\$	\$ -----
Transfers in	\$	\$			
Total + Receipts	\$ 95,780.78	\$ 2,584.22	\$ 990.18	\$ 66,206.78	\$ 1,035.13
Disbursements + Trnsfr	\$ 2,831.71	\$	\$ 313.09	\$ 2,729.81	\$ -----
	\$ 92,949.07	\$ 2,584.22	\$ 677.09	\$ 63,476.97	\$ 1,035.13
Checking				ARPA	
Bank Balance	\$ 181,208.68			\$ 18,099.35	
Outstanding Deposits	\$			\$	Receipts
Outstanding Checks	\$ 2,416.01			\$	Disbursements
Bank Balance Adj	\$ 178,792.67			\$ 18,099.35	End Balance
All Fund Balance	\$ 178,792.67	\$ 178,792.67			
Investments					
General Fund CDs	\$ 156,000.00				
Road & Br. CDs	\$ 30,000.00				
Fire CDs	\$ 53,000.00				
Total Investment Balance	\$ 239,000.00	\$ 239,000.00			
Total All Fund and Inv. Bal.		\$ 417,792.67			
April 30, 2023					

Baker made a motion and Laulunen seconded to accept the financial report. AIF Motion carried.
Laulunen made a motion and Driscoll seconded to accept the April 11th meeting minutes. AIF motion carried.
Laulunen moved and Baker seconded to pay the claims. AIF Motion carried.

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Paul Bunyan – 128.17	Payroll – 4174.19
ELAN – 3,816.68	Lakes Gas – 627.34
Lake Country Power – 257.22	Richard Barby – 10.48
PERA EFT – 215.32	Gene Baker – 91.05
CC Campground – 79.39	L&M Supply – 264.43
DSC Communications – 1600.00	Timberjay – 234.56
Emergency Apparatus Maintenance – 77.44	Cook News Herald Publ, Inc. – 368.00

GENERAL

Treasurer Interviews: As per Minnesota Association of Twp Attorney Graham Berg- Moberg, the meeting cannot be legally closed for the purpose of interviewing. His suggestion is to choose one Supervisor to interview the candidates using questions that are decided by the board. Baker would like to have Driscoll interview. Laulunen wants to ask why the candidates are seeking the position, their background, financial, investments etc. Statute 367.16 deals with the Treasurers duties: receive and take charge of all money for the town, pay all claims, preserve all books, keep accounts and deliver on demand to a qualified successor. The Treasurer must receive money from the County. Baker thinks the person should have knowledge of investments, banking and interest. Laulunen – computers?

Baker moved to begin the June 13th Board meeting at 5:30 pm with Treasurer interviews at the top of the agenda- before the financial report. Driscoll seconded. AIF motion carried. Ten minutes allowed per candidate. Individuals will be contacted via email.

Jennifer Cressy – first, Marv Messer – second, Blanca Christian – third, and Jemma Baker – fourth.

St. Louis County is requesting the fire contract amounts for 2024 coverage.
Baker made a motion to keep the rates the same at \$65.00 per improved property for 2024 and to look at an increase next year. Laulunen seconded. AIF motion carried.

The Board reviewed zoning permits issued by the County for property owners Richard and Tammy Hamilton for a seasonal cabin deck and a privy. Gene and Jemma Baker for a garage- replacing existing structure.
Road Inspection Report:

ROAD AND BRIDGE:

Laulunen, Baker and Reinhart (Little Bear Construction) completed a road inspection of Bearville Township Road 528. North side of the road five culverts were inspected, culvert #4 (near Barto's) had water running over the road in two spots. It was noted the culvert wasn't running full. The road is lower than the culvert; six loads of gravel needed to build the road up. Culvert #3 and culvert #2 both need a couple of loads. That brings the North side to 10 loads (100 yards). The South side of road culvert #4 bottom of culvert is gone. Two loads of rocky rip rap were dumped on it and it is stabilized for now. The beaver had it plugged and that was cleaned out, culvert is running less than half now. Quote for a 60' plastic culvert was \$11,411.00. The rest of the culverts on that side look good. Need 19 loads of gravel on the south side: two loads between culvert #1 and 2, one load on top of #2 just past #4, two loads past #5, two loads past #6 down-hill, one load at Fox's driveway, one load on hill, two loads past driveway east of Strom's, two loads at Potlatch driveway, there are a couple of soft spots-two loads for there and there is water across the road where the beaver dam was possibly breached -one load for a total of 29 loads of gravel. Cost of \$7,177.50 for gravel, culvert \$11,411.00 (estimate.) Culvert on North side will be watched but hold on replacement.
Laulunen made a motion to go ahead with culvert #4 replacement/repair at \$11,411.00 and the purchase of 29 loads of Class-5 at \$7,177.50. Baker seconded. AIF motion carried.

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HALL

Lalulunen contacted MATIT about getting a copy of the policy. There is a PDF file on Teams. Vehicles are actual cash value. Needs description to add to the policy. The board discussed increasing the insurance on the fire trucks. Baker thinks we should raise both trucks to \$75,000.00- \$80,000.00, the 1985 International truck should be increased to \$12,000.00 or \$15,000.00. Baker thinks it should be \$15,000.00, Dustin Nelson, Fire Chief thinks it should be \$20,000.00. Town hall contents should be increased to \$15,000.00.
Porch roof repair was discussed.

FIRE

No calls for the month. Training on vehicle extrication. The fire hall roof was patched due to damage from snow and ice. No additional information on the brush truck, or tender search. The fire department is short on PPE: helmets, boots, gloves, turn out gear and radios-pagers for new firefighters. Four are trained and 3 to 4 are coming up in the next round (19) Turnout gear is \$3200.00.

Driscoll made a motion to approve \$3500.00 for PPE for 4 new firefighters. Baker seconded. AIF motion carried.
Exhaust system tracks are installed in the fire hall.

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

CEMETERY:

Laulunen made a motion and Driscoll seconded to spend up to \$500.00 for the Memorial Day Honors Guard remembrance. AIF motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

Baker made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 pm. Driscoll seconded. AIF carried. Meeting adjourned.

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BEARVILLE TOWNSHIP CHAIRPERSON – GENE BAKER

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CLERK BEARVILLE TOWNSHIP – KATHY CRESSY