

Bearville Township Board of Supervisors Meeting November 14, 2023

The Bearville Town Board of Supervisors' meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by Chair Gene Baker with Supervisors Janelle Driscoll and Mike Laulunen, Treasurer Jemma Baker, and Clerk Kathy Cressy present. Also, present- Dustin Nelson- Fire Chief.

Baker made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2023 board meeting and accept the November 14th agenda with the addition of board and employee compensation. Driscoll seconded. AIF Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts: Total receipts: \$1,155.82 – for month of October- \$892.36 not reflected on the October bank statement.

Outstanding checks total 216.14

Total 172,770.99

There was some discussion about the start of printing checks. There is an option through the CTAS Program. The Clerk suggested that it would be easier to start in January, since we have been writing paper checks for the rest of the year. We can get checks to print within 7-10 business days and would need a laser printer.

Laulunen made a motion to purchase a laser printer for checks at no more than \$500.00. Baker seconded. AIF motion carried

Laulunen made a motion to accept the financial report and pay the claims. Baker seconded AIF- motion carried.

Baker read Road Maintenance Resolution appointing a liaison (Gene Baker) and alternate liaison (Janelle Driscoll) for Bearville township if contractor runs into problems.

Cemetery Deed: signed deed for Lindsey Pappas for single site.

Paul Bunyan – 127.10	Payroll – 3070.86
ELAN – 110.55	Minnesota State Fire Dept. Assoc.- 130.00
Lake Country Power – 185.46	Little Bear Construction and Repair – 3650.14
PERA EFT – 169.46	Dustin Nelson – 521.03
Cook News Herald Publ – 120.00	CC Campground – 287.50
IRS – 1202.70	Kathy Cressy – 9.83
Jemma Baker- 47.16	Dustin Nelson – 131.00
L&M Supply – 42.64	LVC Companies – 1385.20
Mid-State Truck Service – 285.41	Lake Country Power – 73.96
Itasca County Recorder – 46.00	Lake Country Power – 132.84
Northland Off Road & 4WD – 9095.00	MN DNR – 12,000.00

GENERAL:

Board and employee compensation: Baker said it has been a while since compensation was looked at. Stated that when there is a fire call people have to leave what they are doing to respond, disrupting whatever personal work they are doing.

Baker made a motion to increase the hourly rate for the town board to \$25.00/hour and to increase employees (including firefighters) hourly rate to \$20.00/hour starting January 2024. Driscoll seconded AIF motion carried.

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ROAD AND BRIDGE:

No new business

HALL

Discussion on installing the kitchen appliances and purchasing cabinets for the town hall.

Laulunen made a motion and Driscoll seconded to purchase cabinets, countertops and sink, faucet for no more than \$6000.00. AIF motion carried.

Laulunen said water in the hall smells bad. Baker said it is the water, he will bleach the hot water heater.

Liberty Heating and AC was supposed to get a quote to us about fixing replacing the heater in the fire hall (backup) and the thermostat in the town hall.

The clerk will email him.

FIRE

Chief Nelson reported 0 calls this month. Training included off road rescue operations.

Baker made a motion to have Nick's Signs re-letter the brush truck for Bearville at not more than \$750.00. Driscoll seconded. AIF motion carried.

Overhead Door came and put a new controller on the fire hall overhead door that was damaged.

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

CEMETERY:

There was an urn burial.

NEW BUSINESS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

Baker made a motion to adjourn at 8:40pm. Laulunen seconded. AIF carried. Meeting adjourned.

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BEARVILLE TOWNSHIP CHAIRPERSON – GENE BAKER

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CLERK BEARVILLE TOWNSHIP – KATHY CRESSY