

Bearville Township

Board of Supervisors Meeting

August 6, 2024

The Bearville Town Board of Supervisors' meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Chair Gene Baker with Supervisor Janelle Driscoll, Supervisor Mike Laulunen, Treasurer Jemma Baker, and Clerk Kathy Cressy and Dustin Nelson, Fire Chief present.

GBaker made a motion to approve the 8/6/24 consent agenda, (the 7/9/24 minutes and 8/6/24 agenda with the addition of signage for road closures) as read. Driscoll seconded. AIF motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts: \$430.00 from the State of Minnesota for Training and Education grant, \$4,647.50 from St. Louis County for 2nd half 2024 fire contract, \$800.00 from Mlaker Funeral Home for S. Mueller burial.

JBaker reported a transfer of \$15,599.35 from ARPA Fund to the General Fund for kitchen, electronics and technology (security system).

Laulunen made a motion to review and pay claims. Driscoll seconded. AIF Motion carried.

GBaker made a motion to accept the financial report. Driscoll seconded. AIF Motion carried.

Paul Bunyan – 77.67
ELAN – 112.74
NAPA Supply of Hibbing – 15.24

Payroll – 1,744.09
Gene Baker – 9.38
PERA EFT – 130.64

Jerulle Construction – 800.00
L & M Supply – 77.94
Lake Country Power – 211.05
Cook News Herald – 108.00

Bear River Fair Committee – 400.00
Jemma Baker – 96.48
Grand Rapids Herald Review – 139.60

GENERAL:

The Board reviewed the State Volunteer Firefighter PERA information – annual report. Bearville is currently showing a surplus. Laulunen feels that the board should read over the information and put it on the agenda for the next meeting. GBaker thinks it is a good idea to raise it up to \$600.00. There are 16 firefighters currently. The 94 Ford Brush truck has been sold to Robert Phelps from North Dakota. He will pick it up Sunday. The Board filled out security information for Paul Bunyan Communications. Information on who can access the account and make changes.

ROAD AND BRIDGE:

Reinhart was hauling gravel and working on the culvert by the beaver dam.

Signage: Laulunen brought in price quotes from Newman Signs and M&R Signs for barricades and signs. GBaker thinks we should order O-style signs with "Water over the Road" and 2 "Road Closed" signs. That style is easy to move. Driscoll made a motion and GBaker seconded to authorize Laulunen to order 8 Type II barricades and, water over the road signs, and road closed signs for up to \$2000.00. AIF motion carried.

HALL

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The electrician called GBaker with questions about moving things. GBaker hasn't contacted other electricians for a quote. The electrician's bid was \$5900.00. Laulunen made a motion to have GBaker take the broken light cover from the office and purchase it from Menards. JD seconded. AIF motion carried.

FIRE

Dustin Nelson, Fire Chief reported 1 call during the month, 911 power outage due to the CrowdStrike incident. They are still working on getting the ID cards.

Larry Salmela, Carpenter Town Supervisor sent GBaker a lease suggestion that he received from their lawyer. It did not appear that the Carpenter or Bearville board had any input. Item tabled.

Laulunen made a motion to accept the Fire Report. GBaker seconded. AIF motion carried.

CEMETERY:

Laulunen met with T. Bormann at the cemetery. There are some sunken graves so we might want to get some fill. There is also a big tree with what looks like a rotten core. We will get some tree service quotes and ask if MCF-Togo Incarcerated People could do some of the work.

NEW BUSINESS

Laulunen reported there was some graffiti on the Bridge in South Bearville. He contacted Itasca County, and it has been taken care of.

CORRESPONDENCE

Annual meeting reminder from MAT District 11. Thank you for the donation from the Itasca County Historical Society.

GBaker made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 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