

Bearville Township Board of Supervisors Meeting February 13, 2024

The Bearville Town Board of Supervisors' meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Gene Baker with Supervisor Janelle Driscoll, Treasurer Jemma Baker, and Clerk Kathy Cressy present. Supervisor Mike Laulunen absent. Also, present- Dustin Nelson- Fire Chief. Matt Gutzman- Itasca County Soil and Water, Water Resource Specialist, Becca Reiss- North St. Louis SWCD, Mike Kennedy – Minnesota Pollution Control, and Casey Venema -Itasca County Commissioner Dist. 5.

Baker made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the change to move the Lake Presentation to top of the meeting. Driscoll seconded. AIF Motion Carried.

Gutzman, Reiss and Kennedy gave a presentation on the water testing and the state of the Sturgeon Chain of Lakes. There is still some water testing being done by volunteers, mainly for clarity. Kennedy, Gutzman and Reiss all emphasized that getting clarity readings is helpful to see if the Lakes are in trouble or heading that way. It might not be noticeable to someone that lives on the lake or is using it for recreation but can be a signal that something is going on.

Commissioner Venema talked a bit about the new jail in Itasca County being funded primarily by the Sales Tax passed for that purpose. Total cost approximately \$87,000,000.00. He mentioned that the original location would have been \$35,000,000.00 less but something happened at the last minute and the County Board chose the location in the center of town. The Court wanted to keep one courtroom in the old building.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts: \$4,647.59 from St. Louis County for first half Fire Services contract 2024, \$582.57 from Itasca County for apportionment. Transfer from General Fund to Road and Bridge - \$10,000.00 and transfer from General Fund to Hall Fund- \$10,000.00

JBaker reported that there is \$50,000.00 in the Money Market Account with RBC. GBaker talked to Rosanne Kelly about the CDs. Found out that if you want to cash them in then you would have to sell them.
Laulunen made a motion to accept the financial report and pay the claims. Driscoll seconded AIF- motion carried.

GBaker made a motion and Driscoll seconded to transfer \$2,000.00 from General to Cemetery Fund. GBaker – yes, JDriscoll – yes. Motion carried.

GBaker made a motion to pay the claims, JDriscoll seconded. AIF motion carried.

Paul Bunyan – 127.06	Payroll – 4,193.36
ELAN – 6,064.00	MN Dept. of Rev – 634.50
Timberjay - 26.55	Mid State Truck Service – 666.76
PERA EFT – 294.38	DVS Renew – 20.25
DVS Renew – 20.25	Little Bear Construction – 381.44
MN UI – 1.21	Jerulle Construction, LLC- 2,000.00
Cook News Herald – 72.00	Jemma Baker – 176.88
Grand Forks Fire Equipment LLC- 5,204.00	Dustin Nelson – 72.36
Lakes Gas No. 20 -991.84	CC Campground – 18.00
Lake Country Power – 333.56	Gene Baker 12.73

GBaker made a motion to accept the Financial Report as given, Driscoll seconded. AIF Motion carried.

GENERAL:

The Board reviewed zoning permits for Joseph and Nancy Sertich, Patrick and Kristen Furlong and Arlene Duff.

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Driscoll made a motion and Baker seconded to hold a Bearville Board of Audit on February 22, 2024 at 6:30pm at the Bearville Town Hall. AIF motion carried.

Driscoll made a motion to hold the Town Annual Meeting on March 12, 2024 at 6:30 pm. Baker seconded. AIF motion carried.

Driscoll made a motion and Baker seconded to hold the regular Town Board of Supervisors meeting on March 13th at 6:30pm. AIF motion carried.

Security Cameras were discussed. Discussed placing 2 cameras outside and 2 cameras inside, Town Hall and Fire Hall.

Driscoll made a motion to authorize up to \$2,000.00 of ARPA money to be used for monitoring equipment for the North (Carpenter) Fire Hall, the Fire Hall and the Town Hall and to authorize Baker to meet with Carpenter Supervisor Larry Salmela to discuss. Baker seconded. AIF motion carried.

Janelle will check on the ARPA registration for the UEI number.

Short Courses are coming up.

Received some maps from DOT, board discussed looking into some better maps.

ROAD AND BRIDGE:

No new business

HALL

Baker feels that we should take the two cans of polyurethane back to Menards and get spray for the cabinets.

Driscoll will send the plumbers number to Baker for help with the hot water tank.

FIRE

Chief Nelson reported 1 car fire page but was cancelled. The meeting/training session trained on road signs. Nelson would like to get ID cards for the firefighters.

Baker made a motion and Driscoll seconded to get ID cards for the individual firefighters, they must provide their own photo. AIF motion carried.

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

CEMETERY:

No new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Driscoll has accepted the position of the Weed Inspector for Bearville Township.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

Baker made a motion to adjourn at 10:15pm. Driscoll seconded. AIF carried. Meeting adjourned.

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BEARVILLE TOWNSHIP CHAIRPERSON – GENE BAKER

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CLERK BEARVILLE TOWNSHIP – KATHY CRESSY