

Bearville Township Board of Supervisors Meeting August 12, 2025

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

Driscoll made a motion to accept the consent agenda (the Special Meeting minutes, the July 8th meeting minutes and the August 12th agenda with the addition of the Blandin update, Carpenter invoice, Bigfork PTA request, propane prices. GBaker seconded. AIF motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts: The Treasurer reported receipts during the month: \$19.48 from the IRS for a refund, \$852.50 for Town Aid, and \$125,000.00 from the Blandin Foundation for grant. County for second half Fire Services contract 2025. Total in all funds \$564,130.64.

Paul Bunyan – 98.05

ELAN – 245.09

CC Campground #717 Inc. - 393.00

Emergency Apparatus Maintenance – 3,639.81

Itasca Automotive, LLC – 1,325.06

Little Bear Construction – 4,892.00

Tim Bormann – 24.50

Payroll – 3175.00

PERA EFT – 150.00

Minnesota Association of Townships– 335.00

Lake Country Power – 181.61

Dustin Nelson – 99.40

Petrosky Electric LLC- 500.00

GBaker made a motion to approve the financial report and pay the claims. Driscoll seconded. AIF motion carried.

GENERAL:

GBaker brought the Blandin Grant document. He reported that Tracy of CEDA said Blandin will extend the finish date to whatever we request, within reason. Bearville received the money because Blandin had to disperse the money by the end of July. There are reports required to be filed, the templates are on their website. GBaker met with Commissioner Venema, Roger and the IRRRB Chair. They came in person to Bearville and looked at the current firehall and talked about what we have. GBaker will meet with Tracy from CEDA on Friday.

Web site update: No new information

Propane: Driscoll brought price comparisons. Laulunen made a motion to switch to Rainy Lake Propane at \$1.49/gallon (could be \$1.34). GBaker seconded. AIF motion carried.

Carpenter Township sent an invoice for 2025 rental of the satellite building. Driscoll will contact Carpenter and work on the contract with them.

Bigfork PTA requested a donation, money to be spent on school supplies and activities.

Driscoll made a motion to give Bigfork PTA \$200.00. GBaker seconded the motion. AIF motion carried.

ROAD AND BRIDGE:

Little Bear Construction completed work on Bearville Road 528, Laulunen inspected and signed off on it.

HALL

Handicapped railing needs to be replaced. Laulunen will figure out supplies and request that MCF-Togo do the work. Nine posts, outside railing, paint the top piece and some spindles.

There was a discussion concerning the new microwave, some feel that it could be dangerous, above the stove. Should we get a different microwave and just get a stove hood for over the stove.

Laulunen made a motion to purchase a 30" range hood/vent for \$251.00 Driscoll seconded. AIF motion carried.

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FIRE

Nelson reported five calls during the month; UTV fire, Brush fire (no burning permit), motorcycle accident, car accident. There is a water tender available through Federal excess property, there is no cost. Emergency Apparatus Maintenance completed for Engine 1 and 2. Engine 2 needs valve replacement. GBaker made a motion to get the 3 valves replaced, Laulunen seconded. AIF motion carried.

Nelson reported that the fuel pump in the brush truck was replaced. Tender 2 is leaking, Nelson will repair.

Fire extinguisher checks possibilities on 10/4 or 10/11. Fire prevention week is October 5th through the 11th.

GBaker made a motion to accept the fire report, Laulunen seconded. AIF motion carried.

The Bear River Fair is coming up this weekend, the Fire department will take the trucks.

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

CEMETERY:

Keitha Sixberry had some questions about the cemetery and green burial. The clerk will email the updated cemetery policy and burial fees.

NEW BUSINESS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

Driscoll made a motion to adjourn at 9:50pm. GBaker seconded. AIF motion carried.

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BEARVILLE TOWNSHIP CHAIRPERSON – JANELLE DRISCOLL

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CLERK BEARVILLE TOWNSHIP – KATHY CRESSY