

**Bearville Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting
January 14, 2025**

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. Also present, Dustin Nelson, Fire Chief present (6:45pm).

The Board reviewed the consent agenda; they would like to add questions from Morcom Twp. Property owner concerning water supply and insurance coverage.

GBaker made a motion to approve the 1/14/2025 consent agenda, (the 12/10/24 minutes and 1/14/25 agenda with the addition of water supply and insurance questions. Laulunen seconded. AIF motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts: \$1,018. 69 from the State of Minnesota for MV credit – agricultural, \$6,279.00 from the Town of Morcom for the 2025 Fire Services Contract, \$11,891.05 from Itasca County for the 2024 Fire Services Contract for Itasca County Unorganized 60-23 (6981.51) and 61-23 (4909.49).

JBaker gave a report on the CD for investments. \$50,000.00 has been deposited in the First State Bank of Chisholm for 1 year at a rate of 5.05%. There was miscommunication by Security State Bank on the 14-month rate of 4.04%. JBaker was not told there were specific requirements to get that rate. The 14-month CD at the rate of 4.04% was not available, the JBaker contacted the MAT Attorney Steve Fenske and was told the Open Meeting Law does not apply to the Treasurer. The \$30,000.00 was invested in Chisholm State Bank for 12 months at 4.3%.

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

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

Paul Bunyan – 122.50	Payroll – 1,680.36
ELAN – 112.74	PERA EFT – 122.50
MAT – 335.00	Lakes Gas - 870.91
Postmaster – 146.00	French Township – 12,406.24
L&M Supply – 26.93	Lake Country Power – 135.08
Jerulle Construction – 2,000.00	CC Campground – 127.0
Dustin Nelson – 46.20	Innovative Office Solutions – 26.83
Reliable Plumbing – 3,117.75	Petroskey Electric LLC – 1,910.00
Jemma Baker – 98.70	MN Dept. Of Revenue – 634.88
IRS – 1,183.56	

GENERAL:

Board of Reorganization- Labor rates and pay rates have just been updated. The IRS mileage rate is \$0.70. GBaker made a motion to have Janelle Driscoll as Chairperson and Michael Laulunen as Vice-Chairperson. Driscoll seconded. AIF
Driscoll made a motion to hold the Board of Audit meeting on Tuesday, February 25, at 6:30 pm. GBaker seconded. AIF Motion carried.

ROAD AND BRIDGE:

GBaker reported that he talked to Dell Nunez concerning the FEMA payment. All were approved.

HALL

Driscoll reported that the electrician will be coming out on Thursday. Electric cost is \$3820.00 and Plumber's estimate is \$6,235.50.

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GBaker made a motion to contract with Reliable Plumbing for \$6,235.50 for kitchen/town hall plumbing; and Petrosky Electric for an estimate of \$3,820.00 (half payment required up front for both) Driscoll seconded. AIF motion carried.

FIRE

Fire report – Dustin Nelson reported no calls. Training meeting did a pump session with Engine 1. Elections were held and Dustin Nelson was re-elected Fire Chief and Mike Laulunen, Assistant Chief. The truck that Nelson and Laulunen went and looked at in November in Michigan, has been offered for \$20,000.00 delivered. Nelson does not care for the Fords and prefers an International, we will pass on the offer.

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

Laulunen received a call from a property owner from Morcom Township about the property owner's fire insurance. His insurance company had questions about how much water was available. Because he doesn't have enough water on the property (he has a well (2") and a back-up. They are telling him that he has to put in an 8" well. Has a creek going right by the property.

CEMETERY:

No new business

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None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

GBaker made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Driscoll seconded. AIF motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

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BEARVILLE TOWNSHIP CHAIRPERSON – GENE BAKER

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CLERK BEARVILLE TOWNSHIP – KATHY CRESSY