

Bearville Township Board of Supervisors Meeting July 08, 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 and residents Ron Hengesteg and Keitha Sixberry.

Driscoll made a motion to move the Fire report up to the front of the agenda. GBaker 2nd AIF motion carried.

Driscoll made a motion to accept the consent agenda (the June 10th meeting minutes and the July 8th agenda) with the above change. Laulunen seconded. AIF motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts: The Treasurer reported receipts during the month: \$27,719.92 from Itasca County for tax apportionment, \$4,743.00 from St. Louis County for second half Fire Services contract 2025. Total in all funds \$449,140.60

The Treasurer reported that she had received a scam email and reported it to the Secretary of State.

Paul Bunyan – 124.35

ELAN – 366.81

IRS- 910.39

MATIT – 5,847.00

Payroll – 3048.93

PERA EFT – 232.52

MN Dept. of Revenue – 111.09

Lake Country Power – 203.23

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

FIRE

Nelson reported one call during the month on 6/29 mutual aid to Orr for a Carbon Monoxide alarm. One truck sent, alarm cleared. No update on the water tender. Emergency Apparatus Maintenance scheduled for Engine 1 and 2. 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.

GENERAL:

Ron Hengesteg was present concerning an easement required by Paul Bunyan to lay fiber optic for internet. One landowner is refusing to grant access across the road. He does not live on the property. (Beatrice Lake area). GBaker will talk to Itasca County about the easement.

The board reviewed permits for Michael Vespa, Frank Nowobielski, and Kevin and Lisa Perkovich.

The board reviewed the General Property and Liability Insurance policy with MATIT, there are some items that may need updating.

IRRRB update: GBaker is working on getting estimates. We need to get numbers for excavation and site measurements and the amount of land we need to clear. He will also contact Itasca County to check whether the septic and drain field meet specifications.

Paperwork for the Blandin Grant will be posted to TEAMS.

Web site update: Laulunen nothing major happening with the website conversion. He did talk to Steve Fenske concerning the purchase of AccessiBe through Art Unlimited. He will have to abstain from that vote.

Lakes Gas has options available for propane: pre-buy, price cap. Driscoll will call and see if we can get an extension on the price deals. GBaker said that Rainy Lake has offered to sell to the township. Driscoll will check with Rainy Lake, Edwards Oil, Lakes Gas, and Superior Fuel.

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ROAD AND BRIDGE:

No new business.

HALL

Driscoll reported that the electrician came and finished. The plumber said that he called GBaker, played phone tag. He will come and finish up tomorrow.

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 8:12pm. Laulunen seconded. AIF motion carried.

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BEARVILLE TOWNSHIP CHAIRPERSON – JANELLE DRISCOLL

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CLERK BEARVILLE TOWNSHIP – KATHY CRESSY