

Bearville Township

Board of Supervisors' Meeting

October 14, 2025

The Bearville Town Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 Bearville, Tracy Hensley –CEDA Community and Economic Specialist. GBaker made a motion to accept the consent agenda (the September 9th meeting minutes and the October 14th agenda with the addition of discussions about propane and Paul Bunyan. Driscoll seconded. AIF motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts: The Treasurer reported receipts during the month: \$150.00 from Jeff Newman for urn burial, and \$6.38 from Security State Bank for interest. Total in all funds \$631,914.03

Paul Bunyan – 126.56

PERA EFT – 177.52

CC Campground #717 Inc. - 243.41

Jemma Baker – 103.60

MN Dept. Of Revenue – 75.37

IRS – 884.40

Carpenter Township – 3600.00

Payroll – 2407.40

MN UI – 398.94

Rainy Lake Oil – 401.01

Lake Country Power – 346.16

Michael Laulunen – 63.70

Kathy Cressy – 7.00

Elan – 1969.72

The treasurer reported that she had called banks to get current rates as we have CDs maturing in November.

There is a CD in RBC for \$36,000.00 maturing on 11/7/25 and a \$50,000.00 CD maturing on 11/15/25 at Chisholm First State Bank.

The Board decided to table the decision on investments.

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

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

GENERAL:

Tracy Hensley of CEDA was present at the meeting to give a presentation and answer questions about the proposed firehall project. She said that Bearville can apply for a Blandin Grant again next year (March 7, 2026. IRRRB is sympathetic about the inability to provide three quotes for the project for contractors that provide the prevailing wage.

Carpenter Building Lease: Driscoll worked on a contract proposal for 2026. Laulunen said that Bearville should send an email with the proposed lease and notification to Carpenter that the 2025 contract and payment is in the mail.

Laulunen made a motion to sign the 2026 lease agreement for the North Firehall building and cnd contract for 2025 with payment. Driscoll seconded. AIF motion carried.

A letter was received from the DNR notifying us that an error had been made with the distribution of mining rents and royalties' revenue. Overpayments were sent to townships and must be repaid. Bearville Township's portion is \$75.76.

Propane tanks have been replaced by Rainy Lake Oil for the Hall and the Firehall.

ROAD AND BRIDGE:

No new business.

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HALL

The Restorative Justice Work Crew from MCF-Togo will repair the handicapped ramp railing and secure the countertop in the kitchen on October 31st.

Driscoll made a motion to move forward with the handicapped ramp repair and order the supplies for up to \$1200.00 delivered. Laulunen seconded. AIF – motion carried.

FIRE

Nelson reported two calls during the month, Cook mutual aid which was cancelled and a brush fire on Hwy 1 (DNR). Training was on pumping and air packs. The tank repair on Tender 2 is in place and holding. Cost for fire extinguishers is: \$70.00 - 5#, \$101.00 - 10#, \$120.00 for a 20#. Dates of October 25 or November 1st.

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

CEMETERY:

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

Driscoll made a motion to adjourn at 9:40pm. GBaker seconded. AIF motion is carried.

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BEARVILLE TOWNSHIP CHAIRPERSON – JANELLE DRISCOLL

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CLERK BEARVILLE TOWNSHIP – KATHY CRESSY