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Bear Creek Township Regular Meeting  
May 1, 2019

Called to order at 7 p.m.

Roll Call: Keiser, Hoffman, Nowland, Golding and Stringer

**Approval of Minutes:** Keiser reported that we have minutes from, the regular meetings on April 10, 2019 and minutes from 2 special meetings April 15<sup>th</sup> & April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and the Joint Planning Commission, Bear Creek Township meeting on April 24, 2019.

**Motion** by Hoffman and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nowland we approve all of the minutes as printed. **Unanimous**

**Approval of the Agenda:** Keiser ask to add Blight to the agenda.

**Roads:** Keiser states that he hasn't heard anything about dust control yet. Karla Buckmaster asked about getting the roads painted.

**Library Report:** Report by Golding on April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. The library is now giving free vouchers for Emmet County Transportation to help people get to the library; she also states that teachers from the area go to the library all year to help students. Karla Buckmaster asked where the money is coming from to pay for the vouchers; Golding said she believes half from the library and half from Friends of the library.

**New Business:**

--Fireworks Ordinance: Some Laws changed in November fireworks being one of them. Bear Creek Township rewrote the ordinance to state the changes in days that fireworks are allowed.

**Motion:** by Hoffman to accept the new Fireworks Ordinance #39-19, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nowland.

Roll Call Golding, Nowland, Hoffman, Keiser, Stringer Yes-5 No-0

**Unanimous**

--Blight: Joe Villemure gave a report on 6 cases, W. Shively, J. Davis, M. Smalls, Pawloski/Kerr, M&M Service and B. Cook/A. Daniels.

**Motion:** by Nowland to further investigate Cook/Daniels case, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hoffman.

**Unanimous**

Villemure has asked the board to consider cutting the number of letter of complaint down to 1. Keiser states that we need to look into this matter further.

--Bay View Golf Course Tax Appeal: Keiser states no new information on this issue.

**Motion:** by Nowland to table this issue, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hoffman.

**Unanimous**

--Township Clerk: The ad went into the News Review for applications; they must be in by May 6. A meeting has been set for May 8 at 3:30 for board members to discuss applicants.

--Explore 131 North: Mitch Brown went to the meeting and gave a report to the board, he feels that this is a good project and worth looking into. Keiser states that he could ask Robin Hissong Berry to come and talk to the board about it.

--Jaws Of Life County Agreement: Chief Welsheimer states that in 1988 the fire department took over the Jaws of Life from the Emmet County Sheriff's office. The fire department has been getting \$4500 to maintain the equipment, last year they decided to stop paying the money. Meetings and discussions have come to agree to a contract and to show accountability for how the money is spent, it is for maintaining and training not for replacement.

**Motion:** by Hoffman that we enter into the 2019 Jaws of Life Service agreement between Emmet County and Resort/Bear Creek Township Fire County Board, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stringer.

**Unanimous**

**Commissioners Report:** Jim Kargol states that they got the Administrators evaluations for last year complete. They are working on a Capital 5 year plan.

**Planning/Zoning:** 4 cases, Firman Irrigation that was tabled needing some updates. Coveyou Farms asking for a special use permit was approved on a 4 to 2 vote. Keiser has provided a list of concerns and requests for the Planning Commission Board to review for making a decision on this case. (see attached) Schaner site plan review was approved. Dubey PUD change was approved. 5 TEXT were presented and 4 were approved 1 was tabled needing some changes.

**Motion:** by Hoffman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nowland to send the Coveyou Farms Special Use Permit be sent back to the Planning Commission for review and changes.

**Unanimous**

**Motion:** by Nowland to accept approval of TEXTS except #2, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hoffman **Unanimous**

**Fire Dept.:** Chief Welsheimer gave a report on the training they have been doing.

The department had 3 EMS calls, 12 fire calls and 3 grass fires.

**Parks and Recreation:** Nowland gave a report about the work that they have done to get the parks open and ready for the season.

**Correspondence:**

--Thank you from 4-H for using the hall

--Agenda from Workforce Housing

--letter from Little Traverse Conservancy

--letter from Emmet County

--letter from Charter

--letter from Walloon Lake Association

--Beth Ann Prince, asking to put a bench at Jones Landing Park.

**Motion:** by Nowland 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stringer to send bench request to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Roll Call Nowland, Stringer, Keiser, Golding Yes-4 Hoffman N0-1

Passed 4 to 1

**Clerks Business:** Stringer reported bills in the amount of \$65,571.07.

**Motion:** by Stringer to pay the bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Golding.

**Unanimous**

Stringer asked for 2 bills to be paid, Harrietta Hills Trout Farm \$4500., and MML Insurance \$9104.

**Motion:** by Stringer to pay these 2 bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hoffman.

**Unanimous**

**Motion:** by Hoffman to pay bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Golding.

**Unanimous**

I have received a new 3 year contract with Little Traverse Disposal. The rates have gone up to twice a week pick up May-October \$145.00, once a week November-April \$85.00.

**Motion By:** Golding to have Stringer sign the contract 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hoffman.

**Unanimous**

**Treasurer's/Building Report:** Golding gave a report.

**Sewer Report:** Keiser gave report on bills for the month totaling \$189,043.68.

**Motion by:** Keiser to pay the sewer bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stringer.

**Unanimous**

**Other Business:** Nowland states that the Parks are now open.

**Adjournment:** 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Anita Stringer Clerk