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**Bear Creek Township Board Meeting
January 4, 2023**

Called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Keiser, Hoffman, Golding, Urman, Radatovich

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Regular mtg of Dec 7, 2022

Motion by Urman to approve the minutes as presented. 2nd by Hoffman.

Passed

Request from the Floor/Discussion: None

Approval of the Agenda

Unfinished Business

Click Rd Property- Design Build

Keiser noted we will keep this on the agenda as we are working on it. We will likely have another work session next month.

Sewer Lift Station #2 Upgrades

Keiser explained that Gosling Czubak has completed the flow calculations. We are hoping to have it designed and permitted by EGLE by May. Then construction would take place in late summer. There will be some upgrades at station 1, but primarily will all be at 2.

New Business

Cell Phone Booster

Keiser noted that our cell phone reception has gotten increasingly worse in our building. Part of this is due to the fact that we have a metal roof, and it is also caused by the signal not being able to penetrate through the vault. Radatovich explained that we can get a booster directly through AT&T and Verizon, or we can go through Common Angle, who quoted us for a commercial cell booster for \$3433.23. Welsheimer asked if that includes an exterior antenna. Radatovich will gather more information.

Large Copier

A few years ago, the township was given a large copier from Emmet County to copy plans. We don't use this copier much, but it is nice to have it when we need it. Currently the copier is out of order and the quote to repair it is for \$1285. The alternative is that Van's has a used copier for \$5000 for the board to consider. We use this copier about once a month. The alternative would be to go to the print shop to have plans copied. Golding noted that this copier is used so little that it does not make sense to replace or repair it. The current copier we have only copies, it does not scan.

Adopt Poverty Guideline

Keiser shared the current federal poverty guidelines. He would like the board to consider adopting a different standard because the cost of living is so high. Keiser recommended a starting annual income of \$15,000 for a one person household and adding \$4,720 for each additional person.

Motion by Golding to adopt the proposed revised poverty guideline, with a starting annual income of \$15,000 and an additional \$4,720 per person. 2nd by Radatovich.

Passed

Dr. LaBeau asked what happens if someone meets the guidelines. Keiser noted that they would have to also meet the asset test. If both are met, then they can be exempt from property taxes. We typically only have one or two people who use this.

Budget Meeting Dates

We will need to start meeting again to discuss the 23/24 budget. Keiser is recommending meeting on January 11th at 2pm and January 18th at 3pm.

Planning and Zoning Report: No Report

Fire Department Report

Welsheimer shared that they had training and 20 calls last month. They did Shop with a Hero for 30 kids, thanks to the grants from Petoskey Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and Kiwanis Club. They did a fire prevention exercise at the Friendship Center and are also teaming up with the pregnancy care center.

Parks and Recreation Report

Keiser explained that the Parks and Recreation Committee will be meeting next week.

Correspondence

None to report.

Clerk's Business/Bills- Report by Radatovich

Radatovich reported bills in the amount of \$170,423.16.

Motion by Radatovich to pay the bills in the amount of \$170,423.16. 2nd by Hoffman.

Passed

Treasurer's Report- Report by Golding

The Treasurer's Report shows a balance of \$9,589,960.04 as of 12/31/22.

Building Department Report

Golding noted that the building department is above average and still going heavy.

Sewer Business/Bills

There is one sewer service application for this month: 1 REU for 2469 N US Hwy 31.

Motion by Golding to approve the sewer service permit for 2469 N US Hwy 31. 2nd by Hoffman.

Passed

Keiser reported bills for the township sewer in the amount of \$71,283.16.

Motion by Keiser to pay the township sewer bills in the amount of \$71,283.16. 2nd by Radatovich.

Passed

Request from the Floor/Discussion:

Dr. LaBeau asked some election questions, answered by Radatovich.

Karla Buckmaster asked about getting a large copier for the building department.

Urman asked about the new phone system.

Other Business: None

Adjournment: 7:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emma Radatovich

Emma Radatovich, Bear Creek Township Clerk