

November 19, 2014 Approved as corrected December 17, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Bear Lake Village Council was called to order by President Glen Moore Jeff Bair at 7:30 p.m. at the Bear Lake Village Hall. (Corrected)

Swearing in of Office: Jeff Bair as President, Jackie Johnson as Council, Carver Edwards as Council, Janene Gee as Council, and Peggy Bass as Council. (Corrected)

Council Present: Jeff Bair, Ron Ronning, Don Hyrns, Jackie Johnson, Carver Edwards, Janene Gee, Peggy Bass, Alice Howe, Donna Ronning, and Melanie Ware.

Absent: Howard Higley

Guests: Dendra Best, Cindi McPherson, Jared Bair, and Pauline Jaquish.

Minutes: The October 15, 2014 minutes were approved with corrections for the Regular Meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Ron seconded by Peggy to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion carried.

Building Fund	0
Equipment Fund	3,626.51
General Fund	69,324.54
Minor Street Fund	17,599.20
Major Street Fund	45,501.28
Park Fund	26,308.65
Water Fund	31,590.40 36,204.88 (corrected)
Museum Fund	0
Savings – Honor Bank	25,950.71
CD – Honor Bank	32,580.35
Huntington Bank	10,020.45

Motion by Don seconded by Carver to pay bills as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Ron seconded by Jackie to close the Huntington Account and transfer the funds to Honor Bank as a Money Market account. Motion carried.

Motion by Ron seconded by Peggy to Pay Howard Higley \$500.00 for his Christmas bonus. Motion carried.

~~Motion carried.~~ (Corrected)

Motion by Ron seconded by Jackie to sign Melanie Ware up for the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks. Motion carried

Discussions Held On:

-Correspondence from Jason Evans was read. He wrote a poem and has donated it to The Bear Lake Area Museum to be put on display. The Museum Committee will decide when it will be displayed. (Corrected)

-Jeff Bair, Jackie Johnson, Carver Edwards, Peggy Bass, and Janene Gee took their Oaths of Office.

-Bear Lake Township has established a resolution establishing policy for the Freedom of Information Act. The Board should consider a similar resolution.

– Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks have open enrollment, should consider the Clerk becoming a member. – A motion was made and carried for Melanie Ware to become a member.

-Park- Donna to purchase totes to organize the park business.

-Reminder regarding the tree in the park that needs to be removed. It should be removed by a licensed tree remover. It will be best to wait for the lake to freeze so that it can be dropped onto the ice.

Manistee County is responsible for plowing Russell Street.

-Repairs are needed to the water system. Mike Engels would like to meet with each board member to go over the findings from the water reliability study that he performed. This can be done in small groups of 2 at the Methodist Church. The study will help determine the exact method of calculating water bills, how to set rates, and building a reserve.

-Fleis & Vandenbrink will be attending the December meeting.

-Ask Gary McBride if he would like the opportunity to submit a bid for our Cross Connection program or if he had a subcontractor that would be interested.

-The heat is on in the Museum. It was recommended that we not split the gas meter for heat. But rather split the bill accordingly.

-The Museum Society met with Kendra Thompson, an architect, she is willing to donate her time and drawings to help. The bathroom in the museum does need to be brought up to ADA

standards. The museum will also need drinking fountains and it will need to be checked for asbestos. More updates that are needed include: The ~~west~~ north wall of the meeting room to be removed, the first bathroom to be in the Village Hall to be handicapped accessible, and the back door needs to be the main entrance. (corrected)

-The Planning Commission meets in December.

-The Village is hiring a part-time Deputy Clerk/Treasurer. Post request for resumes on the Website and bulletin outside the Hall.

-The colors and the layout of the website should be changed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie Ware, Clerk

Bills To Be Paid:

Kent County Health Department –October 2014 samples \$64.00

Bear Lake Ace Hardware – Misc. General Hardware – \$85.76

Republic Services – Basic Service 10/01-10/31 \$213.46

Pioneer Printing Company – Envelopes \$68.00

Auto Value – Misc. \$42.76

Ron Browns & Sons- Asphalt patch/waterline breaks at Hubbell's-\$437.00

Ron Browns & Sons – 12 yds. Recycled road gravel – \$180.00

DEQ – Annual Fee \$613.99

McBride Septic Systems-Repair water service, Smith St. & Hubbell's/misdig-\$1,157.00

Haviland-Bleach – \$430.50

Heights Machinery – Chain assembly -\$1,108.61

Heights Machinery – Strobe Amber – \$107.10