

**Village of Bear Lake Council**  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 16, 2015  
Bear Lake Village Hall  
**Approved**

**Pledge of Allegiance – said by all.**

*The Regular Meeting of the Bear Lake Village Council was called to order by President Jeff Bair at 7:00 p.m. at the Bear Lake Village Hall.*

**Present: President:** Jeff Bair **Council:** Ron Ronning, Carver Edwards, Don Hyrns, Peggy Bass, Jackie Johnson, Janene Gee, **Treasurer:** Alice Howe, **Clerk:** Cindi McPherson **Staff:** Jared Bair.

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Sally King, Greg McPherson, Pauline Jaquish, and Donna Ronning

**Motion by** Johnson seconded by Bass to accept the December 16, 2015 Agenda. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Jaquish reported on Sparkle in the Park.

**Regular Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2015 Motioned by** Ronning Seconded by Bass to accept the minutes with correction. Motion Carried.

**Maintenance Personnel Report: Jared Bair**

- Park Report, Water Report, General Report and Equipment Report
- Report will be found in December 2015 Minutes folder.

**Treasurer's Report:** Read and on file

**Motion by** Bass seconded by Ronning to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>
Building Fund	0
Equipment Fund	3,627.68
Minor Street Fund	19,776.83
Major Street Fund	32,044.86
Park Fund	26,922.54
Water Fund	9,951.63
Museum Fund	0
General Fund	63,959.22
CD - Honor Bank	32,651.07
MMA	10,023.96 (Formerly Huntington Account)
Savings - Honor Bank	25,968.22

**Bills to be paid – motion by** Bass, seconded by Johnson, motion carried.

- List of Bills to be Paid can be found at the end of the minutes

**Reimbursement to the General Fund:**

Major Street 11/01/2015-11/30/2015 = \$104.50

Minor Street 11/01/2015-11/30/2015 =\$52.50

Park Fund 11/01/2015-11/30/2015 =\$919.00

Water Fund 11/01/2015-11/30/2015 =\$543.50

Total to transfer to General Fund=\$1,619.00

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****Park:**

- Jeff reported a payment of \$1000 was received from the marina's owner on the lease/easement agreement. They will continue to pay \$1000 a month until paid off. \$720 is due yearly.
- Job posting for part-time park manager – no inquiries at this time.
- Jeff will monitor park phone for reservations in January

**Trees:**

- No report

**Streets:**

- No report

**Water:**

- Same as October meeting; village is approved for grant, waiting for monies from next year's budget from grant.
- DEQ meeting - report was good.

**Equipment:**

- The village pick-up truck has new tires

**Sidewalks:**

- Work to begin in Spring due to weather.

**Museum:**

- Report by Jaquish – Contractor to start in Spring 2016.
- Hope to open for Bear Lake Days 2016
- Attorney not in favor of 35 year lease but will do one.
- A motion was made by Ronning and seconded by Johnson to go with a 35 year lease. All in favor.
- Old museum blank checks from past checking account will be destroyed.
- Motion was made by Ronning, seconded by Johnson to go ahead with 35 year lease for the museum. All in favor.

**Blight/CABA:**

- The old Phillips gas station is waiting for permits before it can be torn down.
- Update on blight buildings/permits/purchases.

**Planning Commission:**

- AES meeting at Crystal Mountain to attract new business & employees. Jeff Bair will attend & open to council members

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Bair read resignation letter from Alice Howe, village treasurer, effective December 31, 2015.
- Two white small banquet tables will be purchase from Howe for \$20 & used in village hall for public information.
- 2016 Village Council Meetings dates, motion by Bass, seconded by Gee. Approved, all in favor.
- A copy of the public comments from the AES November meeting was presented.
- A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Hyrns to destroy audio tapes of meeting after minutes have been approved. The council may at it's option & upon motion/approval of Village Council direct clerk to maintain tapes for a different period of time.

- Johnson made a motion to accept Bear Lake Village and Bear Lake Township Joint Resolution. Seconded by Hyrns. All in favor
- A motion was made by Hyrns to purchase a plow pick-up truck from the village of Mesick for use of small plow jobs in the village. Up to \$3000, funds will come out of Park Funds. Seconded by Johnson. All in favor.
- MDOT Road money was reported on by Bair
- It was approved to get a drop box for the village hall.
- Motion was made by Johnson to give a holiday bonus to Jared Bair(\$200) and Waller(\$100) and \$500 to Michelle Mortenson for her consulting work with the new village clerk. Bair/Waller out of Park Fund and Mortenson from General Fund. Seconded by Bass. All in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A motion was made by Ronning to offer health insurance to Jared Bair, Village Maintenance employee. Seconded by Gee. Bair accepted.
- The 2015 Manistee County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan was adopted. Motion made by Johnson and seconded by Ronning. All in favor. Tabled from last month
- Marina Lease, Jeff Bair will have attorney draw up a promissory note to be signed by Marina business owner for remaining part of balance due. Monies received go to Park Fund.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- None

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

- None

**Upcoming Events and Announcements:**

- Community Dinner at Bear Lake United Methodist Church on Thursday 12/17/15, 5p – 6:30p
- 1<sup>st</sup> Varsity Bear Lake Basketball game 12/17/15

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30p**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindi McPherson, Village Clerk

**Bills to be paid – November 18, 2015**

- Absolute Safety - \$278.35 Safety Equipment - General Fund
- Bear Lake Ace Hardware – \$370.09 – General Fund
- Personal Plumbing - \$50.00 unstick zone valve – General Fund
- Michigan Department of Eviro Quaility (DEQ)- \$598.63 (due yearly) Water Fund
- Elmer’s \$88.13 finance late charge - Water Fund
- Blarney Castle BL Vehicle Service Center - \$2,292.37 Repair dump truck- Major Street
- Auto Value - \$21.18, \$7.82 & \$24.69 Major Fund
- Brown & Son’s -\$50.94 Topsoil – General Fund
- IRS - \$380.48 June payment – General Fund
- Bear Lake Improvement Board - \$441.00 Milfoil – Park Fund
- McBride Septic System - \$2,380.00- replace curb stop & leak shut –Water Fund
- Haviland Products Co. - \$430.50 Bleach – Water Fund
- Mead & Hunt - \$980.70 Sampling – Water Fund
- Staples - \$199.99 Quick Books Pro 20 – General Fund
- Republic Services - \$188.88 General Fund
- Thompson Tree Removal \$100 General Fund

- Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks -\$60.00 Village Clerk membership to MML - General Fund