



<b>Major Street</b> checking/savings total	<b>41,567.72</b>
<b>Park</b> checking/savings total	<b>19,000.35</b>
<b>Park CD#2</b>	<b>32,844.39</b>
<b>Water</b> checking only	<b>21,566.74</b>
Money Market Account	<b>10,046.04</b>
<b>General</b> checking/savings total	<b>23,832.30</b>

**Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report by Ronning seconded by Edwards– motion carried.**

Aye: Bass, Edwards, Gee, Johnson, McPherson, Ronning, Bair

Nay: none

- **Bills to be paid** were read by Clerk. **Motion to pay the bills as presented by McPherson, seconded by Gee. Motion carried.** List of bills is found at the end of the minutes.

Aye: Bass, Edwards, Gee, Johnson, McPherson, Ronning, Bair

Nay: none

- **Reimbursements to the General Fund** were read by Clerk. Total to General Fund: \$1,831.00  
Reimbursement list is found at the end of the minutes.

**SPEAKERS:**

- Ken from Fleis & Vanderbrink reported: test wells have been drilled, look favorable. Project is on schedule, bids should go out in March.
- Shawn Adams, Bear Lake Township Fire Chief reported; ISO (Insurance Service Offices) rating in the Village 6, spoke on how this rated is configured. Last rating was done in 2008. Would like to wait until Village water project is complete to do another one. Gave report on emergency runs in 2016, approximately 200 EMS & fire runs. With their new equipment they have more water and better aid. Future plans for new building site south of Bear Lake on US-31.

- **Committee Chair Reports:**

**Park:** No report

**Trees:** No report

**Streets:** No report

**Water:** No report

**Equipment:** No report

**Sidewalk:** No report

**Blight/CABA:** No report but did note, burned house on Stuart St. has a purchase contract accepted and should be cleaned up soon.

**Planning Commission:** No report

**Manistee County Trail Committee Report:** Clerk McPherson requested a report from Village representative (Dendra Best). Best emailed clerk bullet point information. Julie Griffis representative from BL Township reported detailed specifics on trails the committee were discussing. The committee has drawn connections and ranked trails. State of Michigan wants connection & walkability of trails. DNR reported that Manistee Co. Trails Committee is way ahead of other groups in the state & on the work that has been done. Meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 6pm at the Kaleva Lions Den. Discussion was held on having another individual represent the village and who would be the best person.

**Ad Hoc – Policy, Resolution & Ordinance Committee** – Reviewed Policy on Employee Holiday/Vacation – Tabled until February 2017 meeting

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Tabled discussion of hiring a new law firm for the Village from December 21, 2016 meeting:** Invited guest attorney Peter Wendling from Young, Graham & Wendling Law Office was in attendance for question / answers regarding representation of the Village of Bear Lake.
- **Motion was made by McPherson, to hire Young, Graham and Wendling to represent our council moving forward immediately. Retain Bittner / Jennings law firm for the water project. Seconded by Ronning, motion carried.**
  - Aye: Bass, Edwards, Gee, Johnson, McPherson, Ronning, Bair
  - Nay: none

## NEW BUSINESS

- Budget Hearing dates are set for February 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the Village Hall
- Clerk McPherson noted Manistee Conservation District- Household Hazardous Waste Day, increase of \$.05 per resident fee for this year. **Date will be Saturday, August 19, 2017, 9am – 2pm**
- Bear Lake Improvement Board special meeting between BL Village, BL Township and BL Improvement board on March 7, 2017, tentatively. BL Township will formalize date and time.
- **Date of the Village of Bear Lake will have another Community Clean-Up day on June 24, 2017 at 8am to 1pm. More details to follow.**

## COUNCIL COMMENT:

- **Update on US 31 Corridor Plan – AES / Manistee County Planning Project** – Concept design boards can be found at the Village Offices. Bear Lake Promoters After Hour Event held at Bear Lake Ace Hardware in the Design Center, speakers will be landscape architects from Beckett & Raeder. No date in May 2017 has been set.
- **Council member Gee** reported she is working on a grant for Building Healthy Communities Improvement Projects.

## PUBLIC COMMENT:

- David Reed – Thank you to Jared & employees, BL Village & BL Township. Thank you for hiring a new attorney.
- Julie Griffis – updated on Banner project; Kayak & fishing pier area a joint project with the both BL Village & BL Township; BL Township and BL Village to have a meeting of council & board members regarding possible future project - no date or time was set.
- Pauline Jaquish reported on Manistee County Treasurer is moving forward with the Michigan Land Bank, required to have 2 meetings for county, dates to be set.
- Lee Ziehm – BL Township resident on Russell Street, working on home.

## COMING EVENTS:

- Community dinner at Bear Lake Methodist Church, 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter Event after home game, pizza served.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:47p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindi McPherson, Clerk

**REIMBURSEMENTS to the GENERAL FUND:**

<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Major Street	12/01/2016-12/31/2016	\$970.50
Minor Street	12/01/2016-12/31/2016	\$27.00
Park Fund	12/01/2016-12/31/2016	\$393.50
Water Fund	12/01/2016-12/31/2016	\$440.00

Total to transfer to General Fund = \$1,831.00

**Bills To Be Paid**

**Date: January 18, 2017**

<u>Company</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Account</u>
West Coast Farm Service		\$629.87	Major Fund	202-265-775
Mead & Hunt		\$2,846.95	Water Fund	591-558-801
Staples- general office supplies		\$61.53	General Fund	101-215-727
Bear Lake Ace Hardware		\$115.21	Major Street	202-463-782
Auto-Wares Auto Value - blades		\$29.83	Major Fund	202-265-775
McBride Septic System – curb stop & repair		\$685.00	Water Fund	591-558-801
Bittner/Jennings/Attorneys	Water Project	\$245.70	Water Fund	591-558-801
	FOIA	\$205.28	General Fund	101-215-727