

**Village of Bear Lake Council**  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 19, 2017  
Bear Lake Village Hall  
Approved Minutes with corrections (cmc 5/18/17)

*The regular meeting of the Bear Lake Village Council was called to order by President Jeff Bair at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. Pledge of Allegiance was said.*

**Present: President:** Jeff Bair **Council:** Peggy Bass, Jackie Johnson, Marla Evans, Joanne Schroeder, Ron Ronning and Greg McPherson

**Treasurer:** Sally King, **Clerk:** Cindi McPherson **Staff:** Larry Gibson and Jared Bair

**Absent:** none

**Guests:** Nineteen (19) guests signed in

**Motion to Adopt the Agenda as presented and with additions by McPherson and seconded by Ronning,** motion carried.

Aye: Bass, Evans, Johnson, G. McPherson, Ronning, Schroeder, Bair

Nay: none

Additions:

- After Adoption of Agenda – update on burned building
- Old Business:
  - Re-accept the Articles of Incorporation, sewer – Clerk McPherson
  - DeRidder sewer update – Bass
- New Business
  - Attorney Quinn not present, Ben Guerra to present
  - Signage – Bass

**Update on Odd Fellows burned building – Jeff Bair**

- Building is Manistee County owned and insured at this time due to back taxes. The county will make the site safe after removal of burned building material. Unsure of future of site at this time.

**Public Comment on:**

- “No Parking” signs at Smith & Main Streets – Bair stated it is going up.
- Maple trees need to come down on Lynn Street – Bair stated, Thompson tree company will be checking this out and other trees around town.
- Medical Marijuana dispenser in Bear Lake downtown and distribution hubs. ~~He~~ **Mr. Ziehm** is opposed to any within the village/township of Bear Lake.
  - Additional guest commented that Bear Lake Township is writing an ordinance on Medical Marijuana.
- Thank you for the use of the Village Hall during the fire for CERT to use, very helpful.

**Correspondence: Read by clerk:**

- Letter from Manistee, Mason, Oceana Household Hazardous Waste Committee.
- Email from Dendra Best, survey for Betsie River Access Site Assessment.

**REPORTS:**

**Approval March 15, 2017 minutes:**

- **Motion to approve minutes from March 15, 2017 Regular Meeting with corrections by Ronning, seconded by McPherson. Motion Carried.**

Aye: Bass, Evans, Johnson, McPherson, Ronning, Schroeder, Bair  
 Nay: None  
 Absent: None

Motion was made to accept Carver..

Bear Lake Days Committee, requesting ~~close-up~~ to close streets...

- **Maintenance Report:** Read by Jared Bair. Report on file with April 2017 minutes
- **Treasurer's Report:** read by King. Report on file in the 2017 minutes binder.

<b>Equipment Fund</b> checking/savings total	<b>3,270.67</b>
<b>Honor Bank CD</b>	<b>26,009.55</b>
<b>Minor Street</b> checking/savings total	<b>15,254.39</b>
<b>Major Street</b> checking/savings total	<b>29,544.76</b>
<b>Park</b> checking/savings total	<b>24,437.54</b>
<b>Park CD#2</b>	<b>32,918.90</b>
<b>Water</b> checking only	<b>3,128.82</b>
Money Market Account	<b>10,053.97</b>
<b>General</b> checking/savings total	<b>52,309.28</b>

**Motion to accept Treasurer's by Ronning seconded by Bass, motion carried.**

Aye: Bass, Evans, Johnson, McPherson, Ronning, Schroeder, Bair  
 Nay: none

- **Bills to be paid** were read by Clerk.

**Motion to pay the bills by McPherson, seconded by Schroeder. Motion carried.**

Aye: Bass, Evans, Johnson, McPherson, Ronning, Schroeder, Bair  
 Nay: none

- **Reimbursements to the General Fund** were read by President Bair. Total to General Fund: \$3,019.90

- **Committee Chair Reports:**

**Park:** Discussion on adding increasing pump out prices for campers. Currently \$16

**Motion to increase campers at Hopkins Park pump out service to \$20 regular, \$25 emergency by McPherson, seconded by Ronning. Motion carried.**

Aye: Bass, Evans, Johnson, McPherson, Ronning, Schroeder, Bair  
 Nay: none

Discussion on lot price increase and surcharge to campers tabled until fall 2017.

Loss of two camp sites due to fire until clean-up is complete.

**Trees:** McPherson's asked to plant a tree on village right of way between sidewalk & street, Smith & Main Streets.

**Streets:** Pot hole patch will begin the end of April. Some streets will be repaired during the water project.

**Water:** Bair commented, our water attorney is a little slow at getting needed paperwork for the water project.

**Equipment:** Bair reported he attended a Revenue Sharing (Little River Band) meeting in Manistee. Over \$400K in grant money was submitted and \$100+K in grant money will be given out. Money for dump truck & swim safety equipment were submitted for funding. USDA grant money for dump truck is open. 40/60 match.

**Sidewalk:** No report

**Blight/CABA:** Gibson gave a verbal report. Report on file in April's minute folder. Gibson report on citation booklets and cost. He will order 2 booklets.

Bair reported he would like to start interview process for a Blight Hearing Officer. Qualifications; Experience in building trades and knowledge of building codes.

**Planning Commission:** Chairperson Barb Farfsing gave a report on Planning Commissions organizational meeting on April 18 at 2pm. Report on file in April's minute's folder. One additional member is needed. Must be a village resident who is registered to vote.

**Manistee County Trail Committee Report:** Clerk McPherson read emails from volunteer representative Dendra Best. Reports are on file in April minute's folder. There was no meeting in April.

**Ad Hoc – Policy, Resolution & Ordinance Committee –** No report

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Clerk McPherson asked council if they would prefer to re-accept a clean copy (without correction marks) of the Articles of Incorporation for the Sewer Projects. Council members agreed it was not necessary as long as there were no changes; there were not.
- DeRidder Sewer update – Council member Bass wanted an update on where the DeRidder's are with their sewer project. No update was available.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Motion to adopt a Resolution adopting the Articles of Incorporation of the Three Lakes Collaborative Sewer Authority by Ronning, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.**  
Aye: Bass, Evans, Johnson, McPherson, Ronning, Schroeder, Bair  
Nay: None
- **Motion to appoint Jeff Bair as Sewer Representative per Sewer Resolution by Johnson, seconded by McPherson. Motion carried.**  
Aye: Bass, Evans, Johnson, McPherson, Ronning, Schroeder, Bair  
Nay: None
- **Motion to accept the Resolution to Adjust Water Rates per Ordinance No. 2001-1 requested by the USDA by McPherson, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.**  
Aye: Bass, Evans, Johnson, McPherson, Ronning, Schroeder, Bair  
Nay: None
- **Motion to purchase a Welcome to Bear Lake banner to be hung on the Village Hall by Ronning, seconded by Evans. Motion carried.**  
Aye: Bass, Evans, Johnson, McPherson, Ronning, Schroeder, Bair  
Nay: None  
Printed at the bottom of the banner "Village Office".  
Bass also commented on interior signage for offices. Ideas of interior signage are being reviewed.
- Ben Guerra & Chris Hardesty spoke on Medical Marijuana regarding dispensary/regulations on growing & selling marijuana in the village of Bear Lake. The Planning Commission will discuss. Concerns shared and discussion was held.

## **COUNCIL COMMENT:**

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Pauline Jaquish, Manistee County Commissioner, gave a verbal update on Leckrone properties acquired in tax foreclosure and the burned down building (Odd Fellows Hall) is currently owned by Manistee County. The Odd Fellows Hall building was insurance by the county and the county will clean up the building site when it is released by the Fire Marshall.
- Variety Store – is county owned and the county is getting bids on the building to demolish and remove. Bear Lake community may want to do a community fundraising project for funding.

**COMING EVENTS:**

- Community Dinner this Thursday 5pm -7pm
- Lake Improvement Board Meeting April 20 at 7pm at Bear Lake Township Hall
- Village of Bear Lake Community Clean-Up day, June 24, 9am – 1pm
- Bear Lake Promoters After Hour Event will take place on May 18, 2017 at 5-7pm at Bear Lake Hardware Design Center. Speakers will be landscape architects from Beckett & Raeder discussing the US 31 Corridor Plan.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:40p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindi McPherson, Clerk

REIMBURSEMENTS to the GENERAL FUND for March:

<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Major Street	3/01/2017 – 3/31/2017	\$149.50
Minor Street	3/01/2017 – 3/31/2017	\$162.50
Park Fund	3/01/2017 – 3/31/2017	\$609.50
Water Fund	3/01/2017 – 3/31/2017	\$390.00

EQUIPMENT RENTAL

Major Street	\$462.15
Minor Street	\$562.71
Park Fund	\$239.25
Water Fund	\$444.29

**Bills To Be Paid**

**Date: April 19, 2017**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Jack Pine	25.00	Water		Newsletter
	50.97	General		Toner
	49.00	General		Bus cards Blight
Mead & Hunt	1,141.10	Water		Water test/sampling
Bittner/Jennings Attorney	61.43	Water		Call w/ Ken
	156.98	General		FOIA
Auto Wares Group/ Auto	25.00	Major		
Bear Lake Ace Hardware	110.93	Park		Paint & supplies
Blarney Castle	1,063.20	Park		Maint. Buildin
Young, Graham & Wendling	77.50	Water		Water Rate Resol.
	449.50	Park		Joint Part kayak/canoe
	325.50	General		Sewer Authority
Staples	135.98	General		office supplies