

Bear Creek Township Regular Meeting

December 5, 2018

Called to order at 7 p.m.

Roll Call: Keiser, Hoffman, Nowland, Golding and Stringer

Approval of Minutes: Keiser reported that we have minutes from our last regular meeting of November 7, 2018 and joint Bear Creek Township, Planning Commission meeting on November 13, 2018.

Motion by Hoffman and 2nd by Nowland we approve both sets of minutes as printed. **Unanimous**

Request from the Floor: Forrest Friend has been trying to get on our website and can't. He states that it has been down for more than a month and the minutes have not been updated since March. Keiser states that this a free website run by the county and has just found out all the other townships no longer use the county website they all have their own. Keiser states that he feels we need to stop using this website and pay for one of our own. Jonathan Scheel says he doesn't know anything about this and the county should have told us months ago about the problems they are having. Friend also states that he has tried to look up different things about the township and can't view them, he would like to see a better working website with more information about the township on it. Golding states that she has asked the county about this and has not gotten any response from them. The board would like this looked into and would like us to get our own website.

Motion: by Hoffman to get with Common Angle to investigate the cost of a website. Golding added that we don't have a choice we need to do this now and have 2 of the board members make a decision and get this started now and not wait another month. The county stated they can't get the website fixed. 2nd by Golding. **Unanimous**

Motion: by Nowland for \$2500 to get started on a website. 2nd by Hoffman. **Unanimous**
Chief Welsheimer states that he just got information from Resort Township that a website could cost around \$3500.

Motion: by Nowland to amend the amount to \$3500 to set up website. 2nd by Hoffman **Unanimous**

SAW grant: Bob Verschaeve with Gosling Czubak talked to us about wrapping up the SAW Grant. He transferred the files onto our laptop. Nowland asked if we were close with the grant money and Bob states that he is still working on statements but that yes we are very close with the money without going over. The SAW Grant is a study that goes through the sewer system and videos them to note problems and fix them.

Hearth Side Grove: Settled last month shouldn't be on Agenda.

Fire Hall: Contract modifications:

1. Dumpster Enclosure	-\$2996.00
2. East Wind Enclosure	2409.00
3. Truck Wash System and Hose Reels	7659.00
4. Trech Drain Traps	1373.00
5. OH Door Push Button & Antennas to outside	728.00
6. 8 other items price to be determined	
Subtotal	\$8973.00

Work is 80% complete, we will walk through at the end of the meeting.

Motion: by Golding to authorize these changes 2nd by Stringer. **Unanimous**

Chief Welsheimer would like to extend the fill station to the front of the station to make it easier for the trucks to top off water tanks after a run when smaller amounts of water are used. He presented a bid from John E. Green for \$3586.00.

Motion: Hoffman to accept bid from Green for this work 2nd by Golding. **Unanimous**

Sewer Rate Study:	<u>Current Rate (set in 2014)</u>	<u>Proposed 2019 Rate</u>
Residential Flat Rate	\$115.00/qtr	\$125.00/qtr
Commercial Flat Rate	115.00/qtr	125.00/qtr
Ready to Serve	46.00/qtr	50.00/qtr
Commercial Twp. Usage	5.85/unit	6.35/unit
Commercial City Usage	4.40/unit	4.80/unit
Connection Charge	3,000/REU	3000/REU

Gosling Czubak is recommending a rate increase of 8.7% for 2019 and 3% each year beginning in 2020 for 2 years.

Motion: by Nowland to approve the rate increases and send a notice with the January bills that increase will be on the bill they receive in April, 2nd by Hoffman **Unanimous**

New Marijuana Law: The state election passed the recreational marijuana, Bear Creek Township voted it down by 19 votes. Now Bear Creek Township has to decide to allow the business here or to Opt out. The rules and regulations for the 6 licenses that you have to have for this are not set yet, the 6 are:

1. Retailer
2. Compliance (Lab)
3. Transporter
4. Processor
5. Micro
6. Class B 500 plants or Class C 2000 plants

Bear Creek Township Planning Commission has recommended that the Township Opt out of this business. Keiser has stated that he is not ready to opt out at this time. It will take approximately 1 year for the Laws to be set, no matter if a township chooses to participate or not a person can collect signatures (of 5% of the people that voted in the last governors election) and get it put on the next election ballot to reverse the decision. Stringer recommends that we collect more information on this matter before we make a decision, Keiser will meet with the attorney so that we can make sure that we have the correct information to back up our decision, the board agrees.

2019 Committee Appointments: See attached list of names and dates. Keiser has talked to these board members and they are all will to serve again.

Motion: by Stringer to reappoint all board members 2nd by Hoffman. **Unanimous**

2019 Meeting Schedule: See attached Schedule.

Motion: by Hoffman to accept schedule as written 2nd by Nowland. **Unanimous**

Commissioners Report: from Jonathan Scheel, The transit system will be up and running on January 2, the website for this is EMGO. They are dealing with the Bonding for the new 911 equipment. PACE is a new program for upgrading insulation, LED lights and other energy savings for private companies. How this will work is a company gets a bank loan for the work with a yearly payment, the county will guarantee the loans. This will be discussed more by the county. Bay Bluffs is still asking for 1.3 to 1.6 million dollars for a new roof. This will be Jonathans last meet as Commissioner but is going to stay involved.

Planning/Zoning: 1 case, to upgrade B May Bags, they would like to divide building and add 8 retail units with outdoor displays. Outdoor displays (not on the plans) and several other issues were discussed, 1 being cutting the parking spaces down to 83 max and figure out driveways. This was tabled until the December 19th meeting with more information and updated plans.

Fire Dept.: Did Pumper operations training on new Fire Truck. Went on 16 Fire calls and 4 EMS calls. Did a public event at Taylor School for about 30 to 40 kids, Fire, Police, EMS, Garbage & Contractors all brought trucks for children to see and climb on. Fire Department did a presentation for Emmet Planning Commission and Keiser asked if they would do it for Bear Creek Planning Commission at the December 19, meeting. Shop with a Hero will be December 8 and 15. Foster Kid program December 14 at 4pm.

Parks & Recreation: Looking into the shower at Jones Landing, maybe move closer to the beach with on demand hot water with a minute button so that no one can camp out, need to figure out the water lines. They need to get sand for the beach. Contemplating some type of solar light for boat launch. At Spring Lake Park need to fix sidewalks, lights have been ordered and they want to get fish in the spring. They are still working on the Tanton & River Road properties with scouts. Joe met with the Director of City Parks Department. David Gallinat, Director of Riverbend Park Pickleball, gave a talk about what pickleball is and explained they are trying to raise funds to put in 3 courts over by Curtis Field but the skate park. The City thinks this is a good location and will put adults around the area with the children. \$135,000.00 is needed for this project to date they have raised \$75,000.00.

Motion: by Hoffman to give \$5000.00 to Parks and Recreation earmarked for Riverbend Park Pickleball Project 2nd by Nowland. Keiser has asked for an invoice. **Unanimous**

Correspondence:

--Letter from USPS rates going up

--MTA classes set

--Letter from Joel Wurster stating that he will be raising his rates.

- Letter from Health Department to announce greenspace improvement project.
- Petoskey Library events newsletter
- Empower will be here on January 9&10 to meet to explain new retirement package
- MTA minutes from October meeting and Agenda for January 16, 2019 meeting.
- Employee Christmas Lunch December 20, 2018 at 11:00 am.

Clerks Business: Stringer reported bills in the amount of ~~\$303,307.86~~ \$215,100.43

Motion: by Stringer to pay 6th installment to Ironwood \$88,207.43 and the monthly bills, 2nd by Hoffman

Unanimous

Treasurer's/Building Report: Golding gave a report saying that we are still issuing a lot of permits.

Sewer Report: Keiser gave report on bills for the month totaling \$106,166.09

Motion by: Keiser to pay the sewer bills, 2nd by Golding.

Unanimous

At this time we all went out to the new fire station addition to look around.

Adjournment: 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Anita Stringer Clerk