

Approved 4/10/19

Bear Creek Township Regular Meeting

March 6, 2019

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, budget meetings on 1/15-2/4-2/25/19, Employee meeting on 2/11/19, Public hearing 2/6/19, Regular meeting 2/6/19 and Closed session on 2/6/19 for approval.

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

Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Stringer 2nd by Hoffman. **Unanimous**

Roads: Nothing to report

Library Report: Val Meyerson reports that the library had a great year, she passed out annual reports. The library has added a new RIFD soft check system so that people can check out their own books. They have expanded outreach services and are going to 6 different facilities. The library is working with the Petoskey school system grades 1, 2 and 3, tutoring students and giving them free books. Circulation of materials has increased by 17%. Upcoming programs will be, Shred day April 20, Ask a Lawyer day May 1 and Repair Café May 4. You can also get certified on line now to run the 3D printer.

Wine Tasting Permit: Back from last month, there was some miss information. Kristi Schull is asking for a permit for a wine tasting room, this permit will only cover what they produce.

Motion by: Stringer to approve the permit, 2nd by Nowland.

Roll Call Hoffman, Nowland, Golding, Stringer, Keiser Yes-5 No-0 **Unanimous**

Adopt 2019-2020 Budget: Keiser went over the accounts, incomes, expenses and balances. No comments from the audience

Motion by: Hoffman to approve the 2019-2020 budget, 2nd by Golding. **Unanimous**

Up In Smoke Liquor License: John and Sherry Beach would like approval to apply for a Class C Liquor License for dine in only wine, beer and liquor.

Motion by: Nowland to approve request, 2nd by Hoffman

Roll Call: Nowland, Golding, Stringer, Keiser, Hoffman Yes-5 No-0 **Unanimous**

DPW Recycling Contract: Andi Shephard is the new director she came to introduce herself and talk to the board about renewing our contract. She passed out some information and talked about rate increases. The board has stated that yes they will renew the contract.

Adopt 2019 Poverty Guidelines: The board went over the guide lines.

Motion by: Nowland to accept the 2019 guide lines 2nd by Stringer **Unanimous**

Assessor Report: Keiser went over the report and explained that sales from last year drove up the taxable value of homes in the area. The state has also adopted a new manual that has also cause some increases.

Furnace Upgrades: We have 3 furnaces in the hall and 1 we had fixed the other can't be fixed. It has been explained to us that these furnaces are 30 years old and need replaced along with the AC unit. Keiser received 2 quotes and they are very close in price.

Motion by: Hoffman to spend up to \$9100.00 to replace units and that Keiser check on warranties from both companies and then decide which one to go with, 2nd by Nowland. **Unanimous**

Commissioners Report: Jim Kargol states that there will be negotiations Friday with the NLEA. He talked about a merge sign on US 31 that was taken down because of being on private property and not going to be replaced and feels like this will cause some problems in the summer time.

Planning/Zoning: 1 case, Firman Irrigation that was tabled needing more information and some updates.

Fire Dept.: EMS calls 7, Fire calls 21. Chief Welsheimer read a letter of thanks from a couple, their house caught fire last month, they were very great full for all that the firemen did for them in helping to protect their property.

The fire hall needs some lights replaced. To replace lights will cost \$1560.00 to update insides of lights we already have will cost \$775.00.

Motion by: Golding to update existing lights, 2nd by Stringer.

Unanimous

Correspondence:

- Letter from Spectrum
- Cindy Okerlund-2019 Kids Biking Initiative
- Cindy Hayes-2019 Boat Wash
- MTA minutes
- Consumers Energy
- The Wallooner
- U.S. Census Bureau
- Jackie Pilette-2019 Tree Sale

Clerks Business: Stringer reported bills in the amount of \$155,991.02.

Motion: by Stringer to pay bills, 2nd by Golding

Unanimous

Treasurer's/Building Report: Golding gave a report.

Sewer Report: Keiser gave report on bills for the month totaling \$75,399.55.

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

Unanimous

Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Anita Stringer Clerk