

## **Town of Bear Creek**

### **Town Board Proceedings of September 12, 2023**

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The Regular Board Meeting of the Bear Creek Town Board was held at the Bear Creek Town Hall, on September 12, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Travis Nachreiner at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Travis Nachreiner, Chairman; Jeff Scallon; and, Dwayne Faber, Supervisors.

Others present: Donna Lins, Treasurer; Tim McCluskey, Patrolman; Ted Greenheck, Plan Commission Chair; Loren Glasbrenner; Paul Coblentz; Robbin D'elene; and, Sheila Carver, Clerk.

Loren Glasbrenner, River Valley School District Administrator, addressed the board. Glasbrenner provided a handout for the board. Building facilities are the focus of the district with the aging infrastructure. Enrollment continues to decline. Restrooms do not meet code. Conversations were had by a large committee to discuss issues. They had 500 responses come back from surveys sent out. The April referendum is a capital referendum and not operational.

The Clerk read the minutes of the August 8, 2023 Regular Board meeting. Scallon motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Faber seconded. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given by the Treasurer. Faber motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Scallon seconded. Motion carried.

Scallon issued building permits to John Keller for a shed and a house addition.

Greenheck presented a Conditional Use Permit "Expansion" for Wood Fabrication for Paul Coblentz at E4459 Dawn Road. After discussion, Scallon motioned to recommend approving the Conditional Use Permit for Paul Coblentz as presented. Faber seconded. Motion carried.

The tree on Little Bear could be cut back by Mueller & Sons Excavating before the town cuts it down. He charges \$200 per hour or \$2,500 per mile for other project needs. Croal Road and Rocky Circle Road could have trees removed this year if the Board decides to move forward.

Road ratings need to be on a scale of 1-10 for the WI-DOT PASER instead of a 1-5 like in the past. The ratings need to be submitted by December.

Nachreiner met with Kevin Roessler. He gave permission to clean out a ditch by his property. A culvert needs to be considered for the existing driveway after the road construction. It is questioned if the culvert is our responsibility or not. The Town cannot take away an existing driveway, but it does need a culvert. Gravel has been placed in the area for now. Fine-tuning options for Chapel Road were discussed. Gravel was spread on Garvey Road, which was a huge improvement.

Nachreiner presented seal coating estimates for Kaney Road and Garvey Road. Garvey would need to be officially bid due to the cost estimate. Scallon motioned to approve Scott Construction to place a single heavy gravel seal for Kaney Road for a not-to-exceed cost of \$10,000 to have a width of 16 feet. Faber seconded. Motion carried.

An email was received from Veronica Schmidt that Nachreiner responded to. She was concerned about a missing stop sign on Garvey Road and there is also one missing on McCarville Road. Schmidt was also concerned about patching holes left by loggers on Garvey Road.

There is a webinar for LRIP on Tuesday that Nachreiner will view. On Wednesday, there is an informational meeting for the Highway G project that runs from Highway 23 in Spring Green to Highway B in Bear Creek.

McCluskey questioned needed ditching on Dane Hill Road. It is damaging the road. Nachreiner will review the area. Sand and salt will be ordered for winter.

Carver will set up an account with O'Reilly Auto Parts in Spring Green.

Nachreiner reported on the Fire Emergency District Board meeting. They presented a new fire engine bid for an estimated cost of \$742,000 which includes the \$136,000 cost of the chassis that was approved at the last meeting. They need to inquire if it can be received in 2025. They discussed construction-related improvements for the water main due to the Veteran's Memorial being in danger if there are problems. The Fire Board approved a mill rate of .81, the same as last year, but equalized value has increased, so Bear Creek will go from \$67,900 to \$76,166. Nachreiner was the only one in opposition because of the significant 11% increase.

Scallion motioned to approve a temporary liquor license for St. Patrick's. Faber seconded. Motion carried.

The board approved expenditures totaling \$52,613.35. Loan payments were also on auto-pay on September 1<sup>st</sup> totaling \$35,699.64. Both loans are now paid off.

Faber motioned to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. Scallion seconded. Motion carried.

Sheila Carver,  
Town Clerk