

Town of Bear Creek

Town Board Proceedings of April 12, 2022

The Regular Board Meeting of the Bear Creek Town Board was held at the Bear Creek Town Hall, on April 12, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marty McCluskey at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present: Marty McCluskey, Chairman; Jeff Scallon; and, Steve Emerson, Supervisors.

Others present: Donna Lins, Treasurer; Tim McCluskey, Patrolman; Ted Greenheck, Plan Commission Chair; Reed Horton; Stephen Kerska; Theresa Bahl; Rex Gilligan; Chris Olson; Jeff Freel; Robert Breneman; Gary Ertel; Greg Meise; Don Fleming; Robbin D'elene; Bob Gates; Mary Nachreiner; Robert Hare; Dustan Thompson; Shelly Anders; John Bontrager; Dennis Bontrager; and, Sheila Carver, Clerk.

The minutes of the March 8, 2022 Regular Board Meeting were read by the Treasurer. Scallon motioned to approve the minutes. Emerson seconded. Motion carried.

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

Scallon had no building permits to report.

The Board discussed with attendees in regards to Marble Quarry Road and Prouty Road as a new ATV/UTV route. Mary Nachreiner reviewed her list of contacts of residents that reside on Marble Quarry Road. The majority had no objections. There is a concern of speed and noise on the straight stretch from Highway G to the quarry corner. Jeff Freel stated that he can hang a 25-mph sign on that stretch. There can be a stop ahead sign installed as well. Scallon made a motion to approve ATV/UTV traffic for Marble Quarry Road with the signage discussed. Emerson seconded. Motion carried. Marble Quarry Road will be added to the Ordinance to be approved in May.

Prouty Road was discussed next. Robert Breneman discussed contacts he made with residents of Prouty Road. He received no objections. Shelly Anders was present and is opposed. She has guests at her Homestead Retreat, a quilting retreat, that like to walk Prouty Road and she is concerned for their safety as well as noise. Her guests are happy that it is currently not a route. Mary Nachreiner suggested a 25-mph speed limit for that road. There are marketing signs for cattle and hunting on Prouty Road that would be seen by riders. Scallon motioned to create a Resolution for allowing ATVs/UTVs on Prouty Road for a trial basis that expires March 31, 2023 in order for Prouty Road to be readdressed in 2023. Emerson seconded to take the motion to a vote. Motion carried with Emerson voting no.

Better signage is needed at the end of Cummings Road to prohibit ATVs/UTVs from going onto Little Bear Road, which is not a route. Tim McCluskey would like to see Dawn Road closed due to the local traffic carelessly going back and forth. Greg Meise would like to see larger signs on Deitl Road.

Ted Greenheck, Plan Commission Chair; presented a Certified Survey Map (CSM) for John Bontrager, dividing a lot to create an additional lot that meets the minimum two-acre requirement. The intention is to build a house and will create a shared entry with an easement. Ted stated that it meets all requirements. Scallon motioned to approve the CSM as presented. Emerson seconded. Motion carried.

Greenheck then presented a CSM for Eileen Eberle changing lot lines as requested by her children. Scallon motioned to approve the CSM as presented. Emerson seconded. Motion carried.

Scallon motioned to reschedule the August and November meetings to Mondays: August 15, 2022 and November 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Emerson seconded. Motion carried.

Scallon motioned to adopt Ordinance APR2022-1: An Ordinance to Appoint Alternate Members for Board of Review. Emerson seconded. Motion carried.

The roads were reviewed by the Board on April 9th. Culverts need to be replaced: Six on Chapel Road, one on Cummings Road and one on Dawn Road for eight culverts total. Chairman McCluskey will look into getting bids for culverts; price per foot and hour due to the depth of some of the culverts. There is a fence on Garvey Road that needs to be moved back to allow for ditching. This could be discussed at the annual meeting with the property owner.

Reed Horton would like a very large, dead tree taken care of that is in the right-of-way by his property. The Town of Bear Creek is responsible for maintenance of the right-of-way. Chairman McCluskey will look into a tree trimmer. Horton questioned other trees that were removed by the Township. The right-of-way is 33 feet from the center line that the Township maintains. Trees will be cut by the Township that are within the right-of-way.

Sauk County issued a permit for solar panels in the Township. Scallon questioned if this should go before the Planning Commission. This could be a fee on the Township building permit fee schedule. Greenheck will inquire on the process.

The Light Speed division of Reedsburg Utility are set to start laying broadband lines in the Town of Bear Creek. According to their website they will complete Bear Creek in 2022. Light Speed sent postcards to residents to sign up now. This broadband is a speed of 1,000 MB or 1 GB, much more than current options. This is the grant that the Town of Bear Creek was a part of and is a benefit to the residents

The annual meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m.

There were 171 voters at the Spring Election.

The board approved expenditures totaling \$67,095.35. Carver will investigate the Lakeside International invoices that appear to be overbilled.

Scallon motioned to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Emerson seconded. Motion carried.

Sheila Carver,
Town Clerk