



BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
September 13, 2023

DATE: September 13, 2023  
TIME: 6:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Township Offices, 8888 S. Grayling Rd.  
Grayling, MI. 49738

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order 6:00p.m.

The following Board Members were in attendance:

Board Members

Supervisor Dan Bonamie  
Board Trustee Lee Riley  
Board Trustee Doug Yanniello  
Treasurer Witnee Rose

Clerk Sandy Beaudet not present

Greg Meihn- Township attorney not present

A quorum was present to conduct business.

**Agenda Additions/Deletions:**

Doug Yanniello motion to approve agenda as written with support from trustee Lee Riley  
All Ayes motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:**

Meeting minutes from August 9, 2023 and accounts payable of \$13,755.03 Fire Departments portion being \$8,992.39. Motioned by Dan Bonamie with support from Doug Yanniello.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Supervisor Dan Bonamie      Yes  
Board Trustee Lee Riley      Yes  
Treasurer Witnee Rose      Yes  
Board Trustee Doug Yanniello    Yes

The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**      None

**New Business:**

1. Treasurer Report- Witness Rose treasurer reported everything is up to date
2. Supervisor Class- Doug motioned to spend \$365.00 plus hotel for class with support from Treasurer Witnee Rose.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Supervisor Dan Bonamie      Yes  
Board Trustee Lee Riley      Yes  
Treasurer Witnee Rose      Yes  
Board Trustee Doug Yanniello    Yes

The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

3. Auditor Contract- Assistance with preparation and filing of form F-65 and the qualifying statement for the Township. The base cost for these consulting services \$2000.00 The fee for these consulting services for excess time will be charged to the Township based on the following hourly rates:
  - Associates - \$120.00 per hour
  - Senior Associates- \$150 per hour
  - Manger/Principal - \$195 per hour

Doug Yanniello motioned to approve auditors' contract for F-65 filing with support from Witnee Rose.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Supervisor Dan Bonamie      Yes  
Board Trustee Lee Riley      Yes  
Treasurer Witnee Rose      Yes  
Board Trustee Doug Yanniello    Yes

The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

4. Reallocate funds for Assessor New Module -Lee Riley motioned to reallocate \$85.00 for the assessors' new module with support from Doug Yanniello.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Board Trustee Doug Yanniello	Yes
Treasurer Witnee Rose	Yes
Board Trustee Lee Riley	Yes
Supervisor Dan Bonamie	Yes

The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

**Reports:**

1. **Fire Department**-This report was submitted by Doug Bourgeois late from the prior meeting.

Below is the board report for the August 2023 Township Board Meeting with the July 2023 statistical fire report. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

In July 2023, the Beaver Creek Fire Department was busy attending to the following:

- BCFD responded to 23 Requests for aid, with 2 requests for mutual aid assistance to Grayling.
- We taught 10 classes at Arauco for their employees in fire extinguishers, hydrant use and fire streams.
- July training was hydrant operations on 4-mile, safe sleep training, and radio communications.
- We had two confined space standbys at Weyerhaeuser and TWP. at Bakelite.
- Three firefighters have passed their national registry exam, and two Firefighters waiting on their MFR exam.
- The regional AFG grant for 93 SCBA packs with 11 being for BCFD is still in the running. I received a request from the grant people for additional information which I interpret as good news. Our cost if awarded would be approximately \$4,636 for 11 packs.
- Beaver Creek Fire was in the 4th of July Parade with E-1 and UTV-1.

**Supervisor- Dan Bonamie;**

- In response to the request to reinstate the Chief, the Supervisor informed that his contract was to expire at the end of the year, and we, by majority vote, decided that we should not wait until the expiration of the contract given issue regarding discontent of many firefighters, leaving of many fire fighters, threatened leaving of more fire fighters, concerns regarding personal use of Township assets, and performance in general, but rather take action immediately. The termination was without cause entitling the Chief of pay for 90 days.

- Dan Bonamie advised a public hearing is set for Fox Run Special Assessment for September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 6:00PM
- Food truck scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup> at township start time 10:00am until food is depleted.
- Asphalt prices to fill and seal tennis court, basketball court and parking lot.
- Generator pricing Two companies have responded and are working on quotes.
- Roofer needed -we have reached out to 12 contractors with no bids in as of today.
- Broadband update-Letter of support from Frederic, Beaver Creek, Grayling Township. After the CPA finalizes our books, we will need to look at our pledge to this effort to Broadband Task Force for Crawford County. Grayling Township is pledging up to \$200,000
- Supervisor Dan Bonamie explained last Thursday the township board voted to end the Fire Chiefs contract that was coming up for renewal in January. This decision was made in in the best interest of the township residence to keep emergency services in place. My vote was decided based on reviewing complaints from the Fire Department over the past few months, mistrust by those under his command, multiple issues reported and situations left unresolved. Over the last year, eight firefighters have quit, we were also given notice by others they were resigning soon due to management issues they reported not being resolved

**2. Board Comment** – Clerk Sandy Beaudet was not present, family emergency. Deputy Clerk Donna Schnoor read the Clerk's message:

Hello,

Many rumors are going around without the full storyline behind the comments. At a separate meeting answer will be made known to the actual truth!

I attended an election education class with the Board of Elections and the FBI. A lot of "unknowns and working on it" for the elections were commented as responses to us clerks.

Looks like the 9 days prior of early voting will be open 8 hours a day and on the 10th day it will be 7am-8pm.

Looking for inspectors on how many days they can work to fill the 10 days of voting. The county is looking to do the Early Voting for the February 27th election or March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024 still not confirmed.

This is 10 straight days of voting with too many answers we received at the class" still working on it" was often said and all new tabulators must be purchased we are informed and printers to print on demand ballots and a new pollbook. BOE are in the process of trying to figure how to count on demand ballots when our actual printed numbered ballots are at the county. These elections are going to break smaller townships and push it all out of our control. This saddens me.

Moving forward with the planning commission and Fox Run special assessment for the roads.

BS&A training went well in my office and the extra time I had left I offered the treasurer and deputy treasurer to use for additional training.

The CPA will be returning this month to go through more accounting.

The auditors I supplied all our information to process our F65 for our fiscal year end.

Keeping busy with all training I can that comes my way.

Thank you and God bless us all.

- 3. **Public Comment-** Several people in the meeting requesting Chiefs Bourgeois position be reinstated. No current employees of Fire department were present. Two former employees attended. Questions on elections and confined space were asked.

**Closing Meeting:**

Motioned was made by Treasurer Witnee Ross to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. supported by Doug Yanniello. The vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

Dan Bonamie, Supervisor

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Bonamie, Supervisor

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certify these Minutes were approved [ x ] as read [ x ] as corrected by the Township Board at a duly noticed open meeting held on October 11, 2023 at which a quorum was present.

By: Dan Bonamie

Its: Supervisor

**APPROVED**