

**Bear Lake Improvement Board**  
**Minutes**  
**July 18, 2024**

**Pledge**

**Call to Order**

President Bob Yates called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at the Bear Lake Township Hall.

**Roll Call**

Those present for the meeting were. Rita Brisbin-Secretary, Bob Yates-President/Bear Lake Township Representative, Bill Beaver-Bear Lake Village Representative-Janice McCraner-Manistee County Commissioner, Gary Schwaiger-Manistee County Drain Commissioner and Dave Adams-Pleasanton Township Representative and Treasurer.

Guest were Chuck Wensits, Chuck Eminger, and Tyler Dula-Conservation Specialist.

**Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes for June 20, 2024 was made by Janice, seconded by Gary. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Dave gave out the Treasurers report that he received from the County of Manistee Treasurer's Department. The report recaps the activity thru 7/8/2024, it is as follows-Expenses-\$25,728.52-Revenue-\$50,365.62. Beginning balance as of 1/01/2024 was \$167,292.28, plus \$50,365.64. minus \$(25,728.52) leaves the total available as of 7/8/2024 \$191,929.30.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Bill, seconded by Janice. The motion carried.

**Bills**

A motion to approve the payment of \$3,625.00 for the month of June, was made by Janice, seconded by Gary. The motion was approved.

**Public Comment**

Please limit your comments to three minutes.

**Old Business**

1. Bob reported that the Bear Lake Village assessment has been satisfied.

**New Business**

1. On Going Budget  
The budget was distributed to each board member. After discussing the On Going proposed Budget for July 10, 2024 a motion to accept the Budget was made by Janice, seconded by Bill. The motion carried.
2. Mike Solomon from RLS reported that a survey of the lake will possibly take place in two weeks.
3. Letter from Don Raiff (BLOPA) President, dated 6/22/2024 was distributed to the board. Bob replied to letter from D. Raiff by stating

that the board is continually monitoring and addressing the issues of the lake. Also Bear Lake is ranked within the 15% of all developed lakes of similar size in the state of Michigan.

4. The Letter to Realtors was discussed and it was decided to send them out again this year.
5. Bob emphasized that the August and September meetings are when the assessment is reviewed and established. Those meeting dates are August 22, 2024 and September 19, 2024.
6. A reminder that the Bear Lake Watershed will be holding a social gathering at Blarney Castle Headquarters parking lot.

**Public Comment**

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**Board Comments**

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 22, 2024 AT 7:00 PM AT THE BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP HALL**

**Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Dave, seconded by Gary. The meeting adjourned at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Rita Brisbin, Secretary