

Bear Paw Service District
Regular/Organizational Meeting

July 6, 2019

9 AM

Directors Present- David Marion, Al Snaider, John Steensma, Jerry Pezzella, David Black, Lydia Kennedy. Emily Bryant: Office Admin.

Directors Absent- Gary Holmes. Dennis Strand: BP Mgr

Call to Order- David Marion called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

David Marion stated that people in Bear Paw get limited information and things get blown out of proportion fast. He said that he had an engineer look at totals on certain things that are being discussed throughout Bear Paw, and this will be discussed later in the meeting.

Minutes of Approval- Jerry Pezzella made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Al Snaider seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Financial Report- John Steensma read an email from the Auditor Terry McDonald. (Attachment #2) he then handed out a memo (Attachment #3) that explained all the amendment changes to the 2018-2019 Budget.

John Steensma then addressed the Board and said that he had been accused of “cooking the books” and a “cover up”. He does not appreciate that another board member approached his wife (who is not a board member) aggressively about this subject. He stated if anyone has a problem, a question or a concern they need to come directly to him. He explained that in the previous fiscal year there were two different amendments with twenty-five line items made. This fiscal year as Finance Officer he had one amendment with three-line items. He stated that amending the budget is normal and necessary, it is not uncommon.

Jerry Pezzella explained that he voted No because he wasn't aware it was valid to do it by email. He stated he served as Finance Officer and when he did amendments it was conducted at a meeting. He stated that a special meeting should have been called.

Steve Jones stated that in the Service District By Laws under Procedures in voting (Attachment #4) If a board member does not vote at all it is considered a Yes vote, or in other words a failure to vote is a yes vote. He stated that in a previous meeting it was voted to change the voting procedures to be done via Email instead of Telegram, but that it was voted for Bear Paw Property Owner Association Not Bear Paw Service District.

David Marion stated that the Email form of voting is good but needs to include more discussion.

David Black stated that the Board may need to vote to change the Bear Paw Service District to state the same that Bear Paw Property Owner Association states now so it will be legitimate.

Managers Report- John Steensma presented the Managers Report (Attachment #5)

John Steensma stated that A&A Heating & Cooling came out to inspect our cooling problem and determined we had coil and duct work issues as well as a problem with our compressor working too hard. Our air system has a life expectancy of 15 years and we are on year 13. Further discussion will need to take place to determine the best way to fix our problem.

David Marion then presented a detailed graph of information gathered and broken down by an engineer. (Attachment #6)

Wayne Roberts stated that in previous years it was discussed that insulating the clubhouse (Upper Level) would help with the heating/cooling expense.

Ron Taylor stated to go back eight years and see; it has been discussed and “looked into”. The results found were, insulating the ceiling on the upper level would reduce the cost by a third. He also recommended propane heating because the cost of propane is extremely low right now.

John Steensma stated that this will be a priority and will be thoroughly investigated.

Unfinished Business- None

New Business- David Marion made a motion to elect Board Officials (Attachment #7) Al Snaider seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously accepted.

David Marion then asked if Assistant Officials needed to be voted on. Emily Bryant stated that the Auditor informed her that the Bear Paw Service District was not required to have an Assistant Secretary or an Assistant Treasurer.

David Marion stated that we must vote and accept the Calendar of Meetings for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. Steve Jones asked to please consider not doing a meeting the same morning as the Craft Fair. Lydia Kennedy said she is also a member of the Community Action Committee and will make sure the two do not coincide with another.

Jerry Pezzella stated that BPSD is government. The earlier in the new fiscal year the better. Meetings can be held any day of the week. David Marion made a motion to accept the presented dates. (Attachment #8) Jerry Pezzella seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Discussion- Wayne Roberts stated that No Parking Signs have been put up on the right side of village road by the tennis court. He stated that has been Cottage parking since day one of Bear Paw and the Cottage Owners wanted to know if they were still allowed to. David Marion stated

that Cottage Owners can still park there just don't abuse it. John Steensma stated that he will let Dennis know about the concern.

Wayne Roberts asked if Bear Paw had any information about the wireless internet inside Bear Paw. He heard Bear Paw is at capacity and new residents can't get service. Al Sanider said he spoke with a supervisor with Frontier and we are definitely at capacity. Eileen Humphlett state that Frontier is not interested in improving this area. In the past when the Governor visited, Frontier made it clear they won't improve services here at Bear Paw.

Steve Jones stated that the Bear Paw By Laws do in fact state that we are in fact required to have an elected Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary. Jerry Pezzella agreed.

David Marion stated that if the By Laws state that we need this then we must. He made a motion to elect Gary Holmes as the Assistant Treasurer, David Black as the Assistant Secretary and Emily Bryant Deputy Finance Officer. Al Snaider seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Al Snaider said that many homeowners have said to him that they have heard the Bear Paw Board was trying to purchase a golf cart for \$4,000.00. That is not true! There has been discussion on March 9, 2019 (Attachment #9) he stated the Bear Paw Board has never voted by email or any other way to purchase a golf cart. The Humphletts have loaned their golf cart for Dennis to use.

Adjournment- David Marion made a motion to adjourn. David Black seconded the motion. The Motion was unanimously accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 am.

Secretary

Date