

VILLAGE OF BEAR LAKE COUNCIL

Bear Lake Village Hall

12016 Russell Street

Bear Lake, MI 49614

April 16, 2026

6:30 p.m.

UNAPPROVED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER The regular monthly meeting of the Village of Bear Lake Council was called to order by President Shelly Lynnes at the Village Hall at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

ROLL CALL:

President: Shelly Lynnes **Council:** Heather DeRidder, Wanda Evans, Janene Gee, Rodney Gee, Daniel Heiss

Treasurer: Tracy Gary **Clerk:** Becky Cline **Staff:** Jake Cline

GUESTS: **In Person:** Janet Krause, Jay Krause
Phone: None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Heiss/ DeRidder motioned to approve the agenda with addition of Bill for Randy under Correspondence and Update from Senator's Office under Streets, Trees, Signs, Lights, Sidewalks, Buildings, Ground & Equipment.

Ayes: DeRidder, Evans, J. Gee, R. Gee, Heiss, Lynnes **Nays:** None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** None

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS (3 minute maximum per person):

Shelly Lynnes shared that Jake has been working hard to keep up and as a Village, the council will not be commenting on Facebook posts. If there are any complaints, those concerned need to come to a meeting and express their concern or speak to herself or a council member. The Village has multiple priorities.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Bill for Randy:

The lease with the Marina has been extended to July 1. The Village has received a bill from Randy in the amount of \$4,020. The Marina property owner and Scott Hunt have agreed to pay \$3,000 to go toward our attorney fees. We will pay Randy and bill the Marina owners.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

- 03/19/26 VC Monthly Meeting

J. Gee/ Heiss motioned to approve the March 19 Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: DeRidder, Evans, J. Gee, R. Gee, Heiss, Lynnes **Nays:** None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Sequoyah Update- Tracy

Sequoyah is being worked on. It is now on the cloud so it can be accessed at the office. Jake, Shelly, and Becky will go through the system to learn how to use it. Water reads were done. Some are still not coming in correctly. In some cases, two extra zeros are being added to the reads which is causing an incorrect usage amount. Only one person can use the Sequoyah system on the cloud at a time. We were originally quoted \$30/ month. Now we are being told it is \$50/ month. There seems to be miscommunication between Sequoyah employees.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

REPORTS:

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Jake Cline

DPW Manager's Report for April is attached.

Heiss/ R. Gee motioned to bill Cottage Pros for water lost during the duration of the leak at 7476 South Shore Dr. for curb stop break at a rate of \$145 base rate and \$4.05 per 1,000 gallons.

Ayes: DeRidder, Evans, J. Gee, R. Gee, Heiss, Lynnes **Nays:** None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** None

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tracy Gary

The Fund Balances and Equipment Rental Report is attached.

Tracy will check on the Village's loan balances.

BILLS TO BE PAID: Becky Cline

Heiss/ Evans motioned to approve the April 2026 Clerk's Report and to pay the monthly general bills before they are late and to pay Randy Hyrns' attorney fees from August 28, 2025 through April 1, 2026 in the amount of \$4,020 and bill Marina owners \$3,000 of bill per lease extension.

Ayes: DeRidder, Evans, J. Gee, R. Gee, Heiss, Lynnes **Nays:** None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** None

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

PARK: Janene Gee & Heather DeRidder

Jay and Janet will be moving into the park soon. The season is starting off slow. They think the cost of gas isn't helping. The end of June through July looks good for bookings.

- Marina
Everything is moving forward. Fleis & Vandenbrink came out and marked the property line and the original lease line in the park and created a new map for the Village to present to the property owners and the attorney to see what can be feasible for the future. More discussion will happen next month. The quote from Fleis & Vandenbrink is up to \$4,500. The lease was extended to July 1 and a check will be coming.

DeRidder/ Evans motioned to change the May Monthly Meeting to May 28, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Ayes: DeRidder, Evans, J. Gee, R. Gee, Heiss, Lynnes **Nays:** None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** None

WATER: Rodney Gee & Wanda Evans

Enforcement of water shut offs per the Water Ordinance were discussed. There are 25 services that have an overdue balance of over \$700. Tracy will draft the letters that will be sent out in accordance to the ordinance.

STREETS, TREES, SIGNS, LIGHTS, SIDEWALKS, BUILDINGS, GROUNDS & EQUIPMENT: Daniel Heiss & Heather DeRidder

The trees have been taken care of from storm damage.

The council discussed brush pick up.

J. Gee/ Heiss motioned to hire Mark Thompson for brush pick up for May- October 2026.

Ayes: DeRidder, Evans, J. Gee, R. Gee, Heiss, Lynnes **Nays:** None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** None

Update from Senator's Office:

Marie from Senator Bumstead's office emailed Janene and said the Village is toward the top of the list of needs. Their budget is not finalized yet. That could take place anywhere from July 1- October 1.

Council discussed if a mill and fill could be done on Cody St. to be paid from Act 51 funds. We would need to get an estimate.

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT: Janene Gee & Wanda Evans

- Pocket Park

Janene is working on an early summer submission for the water fountain project.

The trail will be in the Bear Lake Bulletin in June and will be open this summer.

The Promoters need a wish list from the Village. Council discussed. They talked about putting the donation into the Village's grant match fund for future projects or a simple resurfacing of the pickleball court.

Janene said she found outdoor work out stations that Priority Health sponsored. It could be a possibility to look into to add to unused Village property.

Heather shared an idea that she had for the backside of the former DPW building. A platform could be added under the Veterans Memorial Deck for bands or groups to play music on in the summer. Could include karaoke nights.

EVENT UPDATE: None

BEAR LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD: Bill Beaver-None

PLANNING COMMISSION: John Virga

- Village of Bear Lake Planning Commission will meet again in May- No update
- Blight/ Zoning- Shelly
Three new blight complaints are going to be submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY VILLAGE COUNCIL TOPIC (3 minute maximum per person): NONE

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Wanda had a question about the recycling area. She will need to contact Bear Lake Township.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

DeRidder/ R. Gee motioned to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

Ayes: DeRidder, Evans, J. Gee, R. Gee, Heiss, Lynnes **Nays:** None **Abstain:** None **Absent:** None

Next Village Council Regular monthly meeting is May 28, 2026 at 6:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Cline
Clerk, Village of Bear Lake

DPW Manager's Report April 2026

- Wells daily
- Tower weekly
- Samples taken April 1st
- MOR submitted April 6th
- Set up generator service program with PM Technologies.
- Generator serviced March 27th. It passed all inspections.
- Had cross connection inspections with CCRA March 24th
- Submitted annual service line replacement form to EGLE on March 25th
- Jon Edwards from MRWA performed leak detection services for the village on March 30th
- During leak detection we had a water leak pop up out of the ground on Stuart St. Kerby came and fixed this leak on April 8th. It was an old abandoned valve that the packing had gone bad on. We replaced it with a spare valve that I had in backstock.
- Added new valve and photo evidence of the leak repair to GIS system
- Also added the blow off hydrant up installed during the wolf river project last year to GIS system.
- Republic services dropped a dumpster off at the home renovation project down at 7476 South Shore Dr. being conducted by Cottage Pros. The dumpster broke the curbstop when dropped off. Kerby fixed it this morning. The village will incur no bill for this repair. But we need to send out a bill to Cottage pros for water lost during the duration of the leak due to cottage pros having a new dumpster brought in and placed in such a way that Kerby could not get in and fix the leak.
- Had some water turn-ons
- Meter that we sent out for testing came back good. I reinstalled it before reading meters
- Set up the Sequoyah remote desktop on Tracy's desktop and laptop for water billing system.
- Read meters on April 14th for 2nd quarter. Reads were delayed due to Sequoyah not having the cloud program ready to install yet.
- Ordered Chlorine.
- Had various meetings with contractors and Shelly for the old garage project.
- Serviced 0 turn mower
- Ordered Porta-Jon in the park for the summer
- Picked up supplies for the campground when I was in Traverse for water samples
- Mark took down broken trees after the last winter storm we had
- Inspected sinkholes that have shown up from the rain. One is from a hole in the storm drain that I was not previously aware of. This will need to be repaired when Kerby repairs the other storm drain locations that w budgeted for.
- Have been keeping storm drains cleaned out.
- Met with Tammy Puite to discuss irrigation system for flower boxes at old '66 property
- Have been keeping the worst of the potholes from winter filled with gravel until Brown's opens the asphalt plant. The 2 bad holes on Lynn St hill are also marked with safety cones

- Have met with various residents over the last couple weeks to discuss either water erosion at edges of the road or water in their basements from all the rain.
- Cleaned out the sander for the season
- The tractor went to Westcoast to be serviced on April 10th and was returned April 14th.
- Began setting up the campground today. Had to replace a broken dump-station hose at the non-potable water source. All that is left to do is put out picnic tables, fire rings, hang signs for boat parking/no parking, replace broken clip boards on the site posts and clean the bathrooms. The driveway and parking lot will be fixed as soon as the ground dries out a little bit. Hopefully within the next week or two.

Fund Balances

Date	Account	Total
4/16/2026	General Fund - Checking	\$45,607.74
	General Fund - Savings	\$39,993.88
	Water Receiving - Savings	\$50,024.81
	Park - Checking	\$32,838.90
	Park - Savings	\$69,982.61
	Major - Checking	\$7,027.90
	Major - Savings	\$87,816.58
	Local - Checking	\$3,621.67
	Local - Savings	\$3,732.09
	Equipment - Checking	\$55,674.55
	Equipment - Savings	\$12,144.07

FUND	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	3/1/2026	3/8/2026	3/15/2026	3/22/2026	3/29/2026	TOTALS
Water (2743)	591-000-943	\$161.40	\$124.56	\$96.10	\$188.30	\$166.08	\$736.44
Park (2735)	531-463-943	\$155.55	\$233.14	\$337.32	\$317.34	\$0.00	\$1,043.35
Major (2719)	203-463-943	\$142.49	\$0.00	\$332.74	\$435.46	\$91.52	\$1,002.21
Minor (2727)	202-463-943	\$169.39	\$13.84	\$510.12	\$497.25	\$77.68	\$1,268.28
General		\$118.65	\$142.30	\$68.42	\$180.70	\$69.20	\$579.27
	TOTALS	\$747.48	\$513.84	\$1,344.70	\$1,619.05	\$404.48	\$4,629.55

CLERK REPORT Bills to Be Paid: APRIL 2026

Fund	Payee	Amount	Account #	Notes
General			101-	
	Consumers	\$62.97		7780 Lake St. BLDG MUN
	Consumers	32.35		7576 Lake St.
	Consumers	138.82		12016 Russell St.
	Consumers	66.61		7780 Lake St. L4 Light Bldg Mun
	Consumers	750.51		49614 LED Light Rd.
	Consumers	146.31		Street Light(s)
	Inacomp	24.00		March 26 Backup
	Brightspeed	157.15		March 20- April 19
	Bear Lake ACE Hardware	15.89		Ice Melt Rock Salt 50 lb.
	Harbor Freight	54.00		Cable Ties, Magnetic Cup Holder, Nitrile Gloves
	Superior Energy Company LLC	534.29		12016 Russell St. Natural Gas
	Intuit	29.68		Intuit QB Payroll Monthly Per Employee Fee Usage Fee
	Saddle Up Gas & Grocery	778.92		March Fuel
	Sub-Total	\$2,791.50		
Water			591-	
	Consumers	\$1,088.80		7791 Cody St.
	Spectrum Business	65.00		DPW iPad
	CCRA Professional Services LLC	2,448.00		16 Site Inspections Completed 3/24/26
	Superior Energy Company LLC	71.60		7791 Cody St. Natural Gas
	Bear Lake ACE Hardware	39.98		Batteries, Siphon Pump
	SOS Analytical	70.00		Coliforms Bacteria 3/3/26
	Sub-Total	\$3,783.38		
Park			531-	
	Consumers	\$87.63		7727 Park St.
	Campspot	160.50		March Monthly Fee and Marketplace Booking
	Spectrum Business	166.04		Internet and Voice
	District Health Department #10	200.00		Hopkins Memorial Park Annual Inspection
	Sam's Club	45.69		Bath Tissue, Paper Towel
	Wildflower Meadows, LLC	727.09		Dump Station Vacuum Breakers, Metal Dump Station Lid
	Sub-Total	\$1,386.95		
Major			463-782	
	Mark Thompson Tree & Stump Removal, LLC	\$900.00		Removal and Cleanup of Tree and Stump 7861 Main St.
	Mark Thompson Tree & Stump Removal, LLC	1,500.00		Removal and Cleanup of Tree and Stump 12201 Smith St.
	Sub-Total	\$2,400.00		
Minor			202-	
	Mark Thompson Tree & Stump Removal, LLC	\$200.00		Cleanup of Fallen Limbs Corner of Smith and Potter
	Sub-Total	\$200.00		
Equipment			649-	
	Tractor Supply Co.	\$102.79		Diesel Additives, Hydraulic Fluid
	Sub-Total	\$102.79		
TOTAL BILLS TO BE PAID		\$10,664.62		