

VILLAGE OF BEAR LAKE COUNCIL

Bear Lake Village Hall
12016 Russell Street
Bear Lake, MI 49614

March 19, 2026

6:30 p.m.

UNAPPROVED REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER by President Shelly Lynnes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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:**

Phone:

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Manistee County Planning Department- County of Manistee ORV Ordinance & Notice of Public Hearing

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

- 02/19/26 VC Budget Workshop
- 02/26/26 VC Budget Public Hearing
- 02/26/26 VC Monthly Meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Sequoyah Update- Tracy
- David Martin- Interested in paying Village to be able to use shower and toilets at Hopkins Park during the summer when he visits the area
- Discuss reimbursing Land Bank \$19,000 for engineering work done by Fleis & Vandenbrink

NEW BUSINESS:

- Childcare and Local Zoning Support for families- Zach Vega
- Discuss sending overdue water bills to the County to be added as a Special Assessment on Village Taxes

REPORTS:

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Jake Cline

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tracy Gary

We received the remaining balance that was due, \$22,010.00, from Little River Casino Resort for the Wolf River project.

BILLS TO BE PAID: Becky Cline

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

PARK: Janene Gee & Heather DeRidder

- Marina

WATER: Rodney Gee & Wanda Evans

- Water Ordinance Update – Property Owner and Tenant/Occupant Responsibility Issue – Forms and procedures for tenant billing

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

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT: Janene Gee & Wanda Evans

- Pocket Park

EVENT UPDATE: None

BEAR LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD: Bill Beaver-None

PLANNING COMMISSION: John Virga

- Village of Bear Lake Planning Commission will meet again in April- No update
- Blight/ Zoning- Shelly

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY VILLAGE COUNCIL TOPIC (3 minute maximum per person):

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Next Village Council Regular monthly meeting is April 16, 2026 at 6:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Cline
Clerk, Village of Bear Lake