

MONTHLY MEETING
August 2, 2007

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Robinson at 7:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll Call: Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pamela Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe.

Minutes of July 5, 2007 read and accepted.

Treasurer's Reports for the General Fund and Fire Fund were presented by Pamela Radabaugh. (Attached). Motion by Jim Webber with a second by Harlan Reichle, to accept the Treasurer's reports.

Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; None.

Additional agenda items: The Office will be closed the evening of August 15, 2007 so that the Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Treasurer can attend a workshop on the Sunshine Laws; open meeting, closed sessions and procedures for FOIA requests.

Reply from Mary Pitcher regarding the forgiveness of the loan to EMS. Read.

Increasing the Township liability coverage. Bill spoke with Paul Olsen and it is not necessary at this time. A risk management specialist will come out and look around to see if it would be a good idea.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Agreements from the Darcy Library of Beulah, Benzonia Library and the Benzie Historical Museum and the Friends of Point Betsie for contracted services with our recent donations.
2. Thank you from the Citizens for Access to the Lakeshore for the use of the Township Hall for their annual meeting.
3. Letter regarding the on site septic system replacement project.
4. Memo from the Benzie County Planning Dept.
5. Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council guide book for local Govt's.

OUTGOING:

1. Letter to Frankfort Fire Department request that all further correspondence be sent to the Township Office.
2. Letter sent to Terry and Brenda Kos answering questions regarding the cell tower.

New Business:

1. Susan Miller-Benzie Transportation Authority gave a presentation on the Benzie Bus Service. Many questions were asked and answered. She is available by phone or will make appointments to discuss other questions.
2. Marlene Zylstra, Benzie County Recycling Coordinator. Interlocal agreement for the county to continue the collections of funds and maintain the recycling program. A question was asked about getting business involved and have them pay their fair share. Many businesses have a separate contract with private providers. Marlene is asking that if a business wishes to participate, then they contribute. Within the agreement, it states that composting is available. Calls should be directed to Marlene to make arrangements for drop off. She is also hopeful that there may be a Christmas tree drop off. Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Pam Radabaugh to sign the agreement. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.**
3. Benzie Chapter of MTA meeting notes/draft minutes. Available on request. The Board of the Benzie Chapter is planning on meeting with the County Commissioners to address the issues
4. Contract extension with TruGreen Chemlawn for lawn care at the Township Park and hall. Contract extension received at current prices. Motion by Anna Grobe with a second by Jim Webber to extend the TruGreen Chemlawn contract for the Township Park through the year 2010 at the current prices. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe.** Motion by Anna Grobe with a second by Jim Webber to extend the TruGreen Chemlawn contract for the Township Hall through the year 2010 at the current prices. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.**
5. Budget amendment. Motion by Pam Radabaugh with a second by Harlan Reichle to add a Fire Fund 206 budget line item: 206-340-975 for \$2,500.00 for the Fire Fund portion (1/3) of the Township Parking lot resurfacing. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.**
6. Resolution-Currently only signature of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer is required for the GF Money Market and Fire Fund 206 Money Market accounts. Motion by Pam Radabaugh with a second by Harlan Reichle that a new procedure be put in place that requires two signatures; one from the Treasurer's office and one from the Clerk's office. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson, and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.**

Old Business:

Minutes from June 27, 2007 Joint Special meeting with Benzonia Twp. regarding the NW MI on-site wastewater task force. Copies available upon request.

County Updates: Mary Pitcher, County Commissioner- absent

Committee Reports: Planning Commission- Bob Blank-absent

Zoning Administrator- Nancy Simmons-Increased in interest in land divisions and lot splits. Still have a number of land use permits being requested. Was called to answer a complaint on camping on a property. Also had an incident about a possible skeleton in Long Lake. It turned out to be a "Geo-Cache" site. The Sheriff's Dept. and State Troopers both responded.

Park Committee- Bill Robinson reported everything is going well. Parking fee collections is in line with the amounts of the past. There may be a change in the wording used on the permits given by the attendants for next year. Question was asked as to the status of cars parked along Lake Michigan Rd? These vehicles are given a warning from the NPS to purchase or display a park pass. Our contracted Sheriff Deputy is doing a great job. Any further information on the proposed changes to the boat launch at the Platte River mouth. No information has been received at this time. We do need to get better communication for the Township attendants in the case of emergencies. It was suggested that letters be written to the surrounding canoe liveries informing them of the generous donation made by Riverside Canoes. Statement made regarding the launching of pontoon boats into Platte Lake, could this be subject to a "user fee"?

Public input and general discussion: 3 minute time limit.

Payment of Township Accounts:

Motion by Pam Radabaugh with a second from Anna Grobe to approve checks #2948 and checks thru #2990 with **check # 2970 being void** due to a printer malfunction, for the purpose of paying the Township Accounts in the amount of \$50,837.43. Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none. Included are the 6 month payment for our fire contract and 1st responder's contract with the Frankfort Fire Dept., payment to Traverse City for hazmat coverage and partial payment to Michigan Pavement Solutions for the resurfacing of the Township parking lot, complete payment will be made when the lot is completed (filling in a low areas, and sweeping)

Meeting adjourned: 8:35 pm

In Attendance: 11

Respectfully submitted

Anna Grobe

Clerk