

MONTHLY MEETING
July 5, 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 June 7, 2007 read and accepted.

Minutes special joint meeting of the Lake Township Board and Benzonia Township board. held on June 27, 2007. The Clerk had hoped to have the minutes for this meeting. She has not received them from the Benzonia Township clerk. They will be available for review upon request, hopefully by Monday July 9, 2007. Motion was made by Bill Robinson with a second by Harlan Reichle at the meeting to approve a resolution to appoint Jim Sheets, Benzonia Township Supervisor, to apply for a grant to begin the process of evaluating the septic updates in both townships.

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:

There was a photo shoot at our park for Dodge. The photos will be used for the new brochure for the 2008 model truck. They made 2 donations of \$300.00 for the use of the park. One photo was at the canoe pick up area and the second on the grass with the lake in the background.

Citizens for Access to the Lakeshore will be meeting at the Township Hall on Monday July 16, 2007 at 7:00pm. It is open to the public.

Clean up Jim Webber. There were 128 cars, trucks and trailers were unloaded. We had 15 individuals helping including 2 from Riverside Canoes. A big Thank you for all those who helped. Also an invitation was extended to Marlene Zylstra to attend the next clean up on August 11, 2007.

At the June meeting a resolution was brought up regarding the possible millage for the road commission. A motion was made by Bill Robinson with a second by Anna Grobe to table any further discussion until more information/facts/ figures are received from the road commissioner. Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.

Bill Robinson also raised the issue of looking into increasing the Township's liability coverage from the current level. We will contact Paul Olsen, to see what the increase would be.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Letter from the Benzie Transportation Authority. Susan Miller Executive Director is scheduled to attend the August meeting.
2. Concert schedule for the Benzie Community Band.

OUTGOING:

1. Letter to Michigan Pavement Solutions, LLC accepting the proposal of \$6,575.00 to resurface the township parking lot.

New Business:

1. The Township and Park lot need to be re-stripped. Looking back to the cost of the last time it was done, June 2003 the cost was \$658.00. We can purchase a machine and paint to do the job ourselves at a cost below \$200.00. We will have to check with the Sheriff's Dept. as to how many handicapped spots will have to be marked.

Old Business:

None.

County Updates: Mary Pitcher, County Commissioner- the County website is on line... www.benzieco.net. There will be a public hearing on July 11, 2007 at 7:00 pm to get input as to whether apply for an USDA loan to finish the upstairs of the Govt. Center. The space is to be occupied by shifting the Register of Deeds, possibly the court, and a larger Commissioners Meeting room for public meeting. The loan would be at 4.125% in the amount of \$700,000.00 to be repaid at a rate of \$50,000.00 per year. There is still no glass only recycling at the Beulah location. There has been no progress on getting businesses to participate in the recycling program. A question was raised about an item in the recent minutes of the County Commissioners meeting regarding a loan to the ALS program. Bill will check with Mary to get it cleared up.

Committee Reports: Planning Commission- Bob Blank-absent

Zoning Administrator- Nancy Simmons-absent.

Park Committee- Bill Robinson reported that things have been going well.

Jennifer Granholm's daughter may have a large group on the river possibly July 21, 2007. It was also suggested that the background color be white on the next resident park passes. Also the wording be changed to read "park user fee" as opposed to the current wording of parking fee.

The annual audit will be July 18, 2007.

Bill had 2 tribunals that were dismissed. He is also going to be in court on Thursday July 12, 2007 for a junk ordinance violation.

Public input and general discussion: 3 minute time limit.

Question was asked as to the status of the road work on Platte Road? Bill believes that the work will be starting soon.

Question was asked if we "police" the handicapped sites at the Park. We do check for the proper identification. If there is none, we ask that the vehicle be moved.

Payment of Township Accounts:

Motion by Pam Radabaugh with a second from Jim Webber to approve checks #2899 and checks thru #2928 for the purpose of paying the Township Accounts in the amount of \$28,851.70. Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none. Included are the donations for the Libraries, Point Betsie and the Benzie Area Historical Museum as well as the purchase of the new park equipment. We did receive a grant from the Olsen Foundation for the materials for the park, 8 new grills and a new trash receptacle, lid, lock and chain.

Meeting adjourned: 7:55 pm

In Attendance: 7

Respectfully submitted

Anna Grobe

Clerk

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