

MONTHLY MEETING
June 7, 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 May 3, 2007 read. Accepted with the following correction; The date for the joint meeting with Benzonia Township regarding the cluster septic system will be on June 22, 2007 at 7:00pm. The meeting was previously scheduled for June 26.

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:

1. Paul Olsen from Michigan Township Participating Plan gave a report of the insurance coverage for the Township.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Newsletter from Citizens for Access to the Lakeshore. Their meeting will be held at the Township Hall on July 16 at 7:00pm.
2. Thank you from the Benzie County Sheriff's Office for pledge money of \$300.00 for the Snowmobile Contract.
3. Agreement with the Frankfort-Elberta Area Schools for Summer Tax Collection. Motion by Pam Radabaugh with a second by Anna Grobe to sign the contract agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.
4. Notice from Benzie County regarding parcels that are available for purchase through foreclosures for delinquent property taxes for the 2004 tax year.

OUTGOING:

1. Contract for Frankfort Fire Dept. & First Responders.
2. Letter to Benzie County Commissioners regarding the 2007 election dates.
3. Contract with TBA-ISD for 2007 summer tax collection.

New Business:

1. The Election date for 2007 will be in November only.
2. Township Parking lot- Bill Robinson has contacted Michigan Pavement

Solutions about redoing the Township Lot. They have given us a price of \$6,575.00. This would be a tar and chip type of application, similar to what the road commission has done on the roads. Jim Webber looked at 2 areas that this application was applied. He stated that they both looked very good and in speaking with the residents, they were very pleased with the work. Bill Robinson asked the company if the lot could be striped and he was told that it can be done. Motion by Jim Webber with a second by Harlan Reichle to accept the proposal in the amount of \$6,575.00 for the re-paving of the Township Parking lot. Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.

3. Pam Radabaugh raised a concern about the instances of underpayment of tax bills. She is suggesting that the Township make up the difference on no more than \$5.00 with the money coming from petty cash and that the money be reimbursed from the General Fund. It was suggested that the difference be no more than \$3.00. Motion by Pam Radabaugh with a second by Jim Webber to fund underpayment tax bills for no more than \$3.00 with the money coming from petty cash, with the petty cash to be reimbursed from the General Fund. Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.
4. Pam Radabaugh also requested that we charge \$25.00 for NSF tax payments. Motion by Pam Radabaugh with a second by Anna Grobe to adopt a policy to charge \$25.00 for any NSF tax payments. Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.
5. Staff attended the MTA Spring District Meeting in Traverse City on May 30. The main topic was the push to pass a bill that would eliminate the functions of assessing, tax collection and elections and pass them on to the Counties. If any residents are interested in writing to State Representatives should see the Clerk for addresses.
6. Resolution to support a $\frac{3}{4}$ county wide mill for local road preservation. Bill attended a meeting with the road commission where this was discussed. Many questions were asked and the issue was tabled until the next meeting. There will be another meeting at the road commission on June 19.
7. Contract agreement with the Benzie County Sheriff's Dept. for additional summer road patrols. Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Harlan Reichle to sign the contract agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.
8. Reminder of the Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collections. June 30/Honor and July 21/Benzonia. 9am-noon both days. Call 882-0554.
9. Info from NW MI Council of Govts-non motorized transportation plan.
10. Request to authorize the Clerk and Treasurer to issue a check to the USPS for the postage necessary to mail tax notices. Motion by Pam Radabaugh with a

second by Jim Webber to authorize the Clerk and Treasurer to issue a check to the USPS for the postage to mail 2007 summer tax notices. Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.

11. Thank you to Maryann Goodman for her excellent work on the newsletter. She was given the task and the board is very pleased with the end result.

Old Business:

1. Web site- The Clerk reported that the site is coming along. She has received a draft and many of the Board members have seen it and we are all pleased with the results so far. Hopefully, it should be available to the public sometime early in July.
2. Dr. Canale will present his 2006 Annual Report/Findings related to the Platte River State Fish Hatchery/Platte Lake Improvement Association Settlement Agreement status at 9:00 am Friday June 15, 2007 at the Hatchery.

County Updates: Mary Pitcher, County Commissioner- Thanked the Township for our input on the election dates for 2007. She also commented that colored glass will soon be accepted for recycling. There will be a separate bin for ALL glass at the recycling sites. Also the County is going to contact businesses about recycling and have a sliding scale volunteer fee program.

Bob Blank, Sheriff- Contracted road patrols will be begin this weekend. There are 4 “your speed” signs around the County. The marine patrol will be working mainly Wednesday through Sunday.

Committee Reports: Planning Commission- Bob Blank spoke with Dick Figura regarding updating our Zoning Ordinance. There has been a delay in the enabling act at the State level. Dick suggested as far as the publication of notices that we use the possible language of “publication to be 15 days or comply with the current laws”.

Zoning Administrator- Nancy Simmons-absent. She contacted the Clerk and reported that there have been 15 land use permits and 3 land division requests so far this year.

Park Committee- Bill Robinson reported that a meeting will be held on June 8, 2007 with the parking attendants for the upcoming year.

Payment of Township Accounts:

Motion by Pam Radabaugh with a second from Harlan Reichle to approve checks #2862 and checks #2864 thru #2898 for the purpose of paying the Township Accounts in the amount of \$22,052.42. Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.

Public input and general discussion: 3 minute time limit.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 pm

In Attendance: 15

Respectfully submitted

Anna Grobe

Clerk