

MONTHLY MEETING
November 1, 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, Anna Grobe.

Minutes of October 4, 2007 read accepted.

Treasurer's Reports for the General Fund and Fire Fund were presented by Pamela Radabaugh. (Attached). Motion by Harlan Reichle with a second by Jim Webber, to accept the Treasurer's reports. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson, Anna Grobe. Nays; None.**

Additional agenda items: Election update; photo ID will be requested to vote on November 6, 2007.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Letter from Benzie County MTA regarding cancellation of October meeting.
2. Thank you from the Benzie County Sheriff's Dept.
3. Information from Project Read regarding illiteracy.
4. Letter from JL Stephan requesting information for audit of the Darcy Library.
5. Letter from Benzie County Equalization regarding the 2010 census.
6. Fax from Benzie County Recycling about upcoming collections.
7. Newsletter from the Benzie Shores District Library.

OUTGOING:

1. Reply to JL Stephan for information about audit for Darcy Library.
2. Letter sent to Homestead Inland Joint Planning Commission regarding their Draft Master Plan.

New Business: Election Commission Meeting minutes-Read by Anna Grobe. The Preliminary Accuracy was held on October 24 and there was a glitch with the AutoMark. The problem was with the flash card and it was rectified by the County Clerk. The Public Accuracy Test was held on October 29 and both machines were tested and were in proper working order.

Snowplowing bids-An ad was placed in the Record Patriot and ran for 2 weeks, with bids having to be submitted by 3:00pm October 31. Only 2 bids were received. L&M. Construction would plow the entire lot for \$34.00 with an additional \$20.00 for the Fire Barn on the weekends if needed. The other bid was from Sid Beechcraft, at \$50.00 per plow with an additional charge of \$5.00 if gasoline went up to \$3.10. Plowing would be necessary if the over night accumulation is over 2 inches; the lot must be plowed by 8:00am Monday thru Friday. Also, if M-22 is plowed after the lot has been done, we can call and have the driveways cleaned up. The lot must be cleaned the Thursday of the meeting. L & M would also be available to do sanding in the event of an ice storm. Motion by Bill Robinson with a second from Pam Radabaugh to accept the bid from L & M to do the plowing for the Township Parking lot at a cost of \$34.00 per plow during the week and \$20.00 for the Fire Barn on the weekends if needed. Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.

Old Business: None

County Updates: Mary Pitcher- Reminded the board of the upcoming Summit to be held on November 13, 2007 at the Best Western in Beulah. Ted Curran contacted Bill and will attend for the Township along with Nancy Simmons.

Bob Blank-Waiting on word from the state for the snowmobile grant. 85% of funds come from the state with a matching 15% from the County, approximately \$3,000.00 No word yet on the County contribution. If there is no match of \$3,000.00 no money will be coming from the state.

Committee Reports: Planning Commission- Bob Blank-Meeting was held in September. Township Attorney is still working on the MI Enabling Act. Township will be redoing the Zoning Ordinances and will begin to look at the Township Master Plan.

Zoning Administrator- Nancy Simmons- Land use permits are slowing down. 2 pending ZBA hearings.

Bill reported on the progress of an ongoing junk ordinance violation. The individual was directed by the court to clean up the property and some progress was made. The Township Attorney is looking into the situation of adding the clean up cost, if the Township has it done, to the tax bill. Bill will also check on the requirements for vehicles that have historical plates

Public input and general discussion: 3 minute time limit. Reminder of the issues that will be on the November 6, 2007 ballot.

Question was asked as to who surveyed Platte Rd. prior to the recent work? It was done with grant money by the state. Deadstream Rd. cannot be widened due to the necessity of paving the shoulders and the configuration of the road with the bluff on one side and the lot lines being so close to the road makes inhibits the work and therefore any state grant money. Deadstream Rd. was recently surveyed but that was due to a recent sale of property.

Payment of Township Accounts:

Motion by **Pam Radabaugh** with a second from Harlan Reichle to approve checks #3075 thru #3112, with checks, #3107 & #3108 us be used next month due to a problem during printing, for the purpose of paying the Township Accounts in the amount of \$20,984.67. This includes the \$3,498.00 for

the pre-buy of propane. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson., Anna Grobe. Nays; none.**

Meeting adjourned: 7:50 pm

In Attendance: 12

Respectfully submitted

Anna Grobe

Clerk

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