

MONTHLY MEETING
September 6, 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 August 2, 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 on Saturday September 8, 2007 due to personal reasons.

Web site is now available www.laketwp.org

The Tuesday and Thursday office hours (9:00-noon) will be suspended starting the week of September 17, 2007.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Thank you from the Benzie Historical Museum for our recent donations.
2. Signed copy of interlocal govt. agreement for the recycling
3. Update on the wastewater project. Available upon request.

OUTGOING:

1. Letter of Thanks sent to Susan Miller Benzie Transportation Authority and Marlene Zylstra Benzie County Recycling Coordinator
2. Letter sent to David Packer regarding a maintenance service contract for the generator. We have a contract with Bridgeway Power who did the installation and will continue with that contract.

New Business:

1. Clean up day report- Jim Webber reported that we had another successful day. Thanks to the 16 volunteers who helped during the day. We only used 2 trucks and one metal container.
2. Draft minutes of the meeting between the MTA Benzie Chapter and the County Commissioners.

Old Business:

County Updates: Mary Pitcher, County Commissioner- absent.

Frank Waltherhouse, County Commissioner- Presented the Board with:

1. Draft minutes from the County of the meeting with the board of the Benzie Chapter of the MTA.
2. Letter to the NPS supporting the position of CAL.
3. Copy of the minutes from the EMS Advisory Committee. Most of the volunteer staff is now gone. Renewal for the program is in 2010.
4. Copy of the plans for the upgrades to the Government Center. Discussed the financing of the upgrades.
5. Information on proposed boat launch at the end of Lake Michigan Rd. No final plans are available. The Road Commission will be seeking the grant and will be sending out letters for bids on the project.
6. There have been 15 mortgage foreclosures in Benzie County so far this year. It is projected that there may be 100 for the year. We have had 1 in our Township.
7. Currently working on County Budgets. There will be some salary increases.
8. Copy of a letter from Almira Township supporting Homestead and Inland Township in the desire to break from County Zoning.

Bob Blank-Sheriff's Dept. - He had requested 10 deputies and will have 7. This will again decrease road patrols during the overnight hours. County did not want to have a School Resource Officer, even if the school would pay for it. Any money from them would go into the County's General Fund.

Committee Reports: Planning Commission- Bob Blank- There will be a meeting on September 12, 2007 at 7:00 to discuss the changes in our Zoning Ordinances to bring us in line with the State Enabling Act. Recommendations will be brought back to the Township Board to make changes. A question was asked as to the charges to the Township from our attorney for the changes. Bill will check on this.

Zoning Administrator- Nancy Simmons- Still has LUP coming in and interest in land divisions.

Park Committee- Bill Robinson- Parking fees have exceeded what we had budgeted for. We were very happy with our extra Deputy patrols again this year. There will be a meeting on September 11, at 1:00, with the park attendants to discuss issues that arose this year and possible changes for next year. The issue of communications for the attendants is a major concern. It was suggested that we check with a Verizon phone to see if the reception would be better. Also suggested was the use of a walkie-talkie or possibly a radio from the NPS. It was also mentioned to contact the phone company about putting a phone in our park and have it available for the summer use only.

Public input and general discussion: 3 minute time limit.

Payment of Township Accounts:

Motion by Pam Radabaugh with a second from Harlan Reichle to approve checks #2991 thru #3028 for the purpose of paying the Township Accounts in the amount of \$17,461.72. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.**

Meeting adjourned: 8:02 pm

In Attendance: 11

Respectfully submitted

Anna Grobe

Clerk

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