

MONTHLY MEETING
August 7, 2008

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 3, 2008, approved.

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

Additional Agenda items:

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Thank you note from Ray Franz for allowing him to introduce himself as a candidate for State Representative.
2. Deputy road patrols reports.
3. Thank you note from the Citizens for Access to the Lakeshore for the use of the Township Hall for their annual meeting.

OUTGOING:

1. Thank you letter sent to Rory Heckman for the meeting he had with our park attendants. Pam also read a note from Ron Pettingill from a radio call to the Sheriff's Dept. that could have turned out very badly.
2. Copy of the letter sent to the Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore sent to the Citizens for Access to the Lakeshore regarding our position on the proposed General Management Plan.
3. Letters sent to the Chairs of the Democratic and Republican parties, as well as the County Clerk, with the schedule of the inspectors who will be working the August 5, 2008 Primary Election.
4. Invoice sent to the Frankfort/Elberta Schools for summer tax collection.

New Business:

1. Minutes from the Special Meeting of the Election Committee. Read
2. Un-official results from the Primary Election from the Township. Available for review.

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3. A motion was made by Pam Radabaugh to transfer \$50,000.00 from Fire Fund 206 to be deposited into the Honor State Bank in the form of two CDs. One for \$25,000.00 for 6 months and the other \$25,000.00 for 12 months. The interest rate that was quoted by the bank is 3.65%. Second by Jim Webber. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.**

Old Business: 1. Benzie District Library-Lengthy discussion on the possibility of the Township signing an agreement to have a .39 millage placed on the ballot for a joint Beulah/Benzonia Library. The board was disappointed in the manner that the agreement was presented. There were two representatives from the Township involved with the process and we had not gotten any information as to what was being proposed until we received the agreement for signing at the July meeting. The consensus of the board and audience opinions was that the issue should be tabled at this time and get more input from the citizens of the Township. Those who spoke on the issue, with more direct involvement with the libraries, were as follows: John Armstrong, Ann Damm, Doug Green, Pat Jehle, Kay Leers, Katherine Ross, and Dave Niger There were many suggestions that the libraries work toward a County wide library. The request to sign the agreement was withdrawn in light of all the questions and work will continue to educate the people of the Township. The Board will try to schedule a workshop to discuss how to get the word out and what options we would have available. An email was received from Arthur and Shirley Wolfe in support of the library.

County Updates: Mary Pitcher, County Commissioner- Absent
Bob Blank, Benzie County Sheriff- Absent

Committee Reports: Planning Commission- **Bob Blank**-Absent
Zoning Administrator- **Nancy Simmons**-New construction is down as are residential additions. The permits for storage garage/sheds are up.

Public input and general discussion: 3 minute time limit.

There will be a meeting at the Government Center on August 20th at 7 pm to discuss the 5 year comprehensive plan. They would like to have an appointment and one alternate to the group to represent the Township.

There was a question about the proposed development on Deadstream Rd. The position of the Township is that until they come to the Zoning Administrator with a plan that shows the access, the plan is on hold. We have consulted with our attorney about this matter.

The Township audit report has been received and we have again received a good report.

The next clean up day will be August 23 from 8am-noon. Jim Webber did contact Allied regarding the amount of metal that is turned in. We will see a reduction in our bill for the August cleanup from \$50.00 - \$100.00 for the metal container.

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Payment of Township Accounts:

Motion by Pam Radabaugh with a second from Anna Grobe to approve check # 3407 thru check #3450 to pay the Township accounts in the amount of \$26,696.56. Check # 3385 was skipped during printing in June and will be used next month **Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.**

Meeting adjourned: 8:10 pm

In Attendance: 15

Respectfully submitted

Anna Grobe

Clerk

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