

MONTHLY MEETING
December 4, 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 November 6, 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; Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson, Pam Radabaugh, Harlan Reichle, Jim Webber. Nays; none.**

Additional Agenda items: Announcement of the date for the January meeting
Request from CAL for the use of the Township Hall for their meeting for the next year, with the possible dates. Due to concerns of being too closely associated with the views of the group, a letter will be written requesting that they rotate the locations of their meetings.
Re-appointment of Deputies
Poverty Guidelines
Change in policy of the payment of utility bills.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Newsletter from CAL
2. Request from Sheriff's Dept. for pledge for 2008/2009 Snowmobile Safety Program. The decision to pledge any funds to this program was tabled until the January meeting. We will look into the time spent in the Township by the patrols from last year. The County must pay of \$1,200.00. The Sheriff's Dept. is looking for a pledge of \$300.00 from all of the Township. Last year 6 communities contributed.
3. Letter from Butch Strait regarding his availability to inspect and maintain septic systems in the Township. A suggestion was made for the Township to look into a community septic system. This is a very expensive project.

OUTGOING:

1. Thank you letter sent to Don Cheriez for his time on the Planning Commission.
2. Thank you letter sent to Carol & Chuck Cable for their donation of the flag for the Township Park.

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New Business: 1. Resolution regarding the zoning application fees and establishing an escrow account for certain zoning applications and developments. Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Anna Grobe to adopt a resolution to establish an escrow account for certain zoning applications. Roll call vote: Ayes; Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson, Anna Grobe, Jim Webber. Nays; none.

2. Workshop minutes on the library issue. Copies available.

3. Dates for the 2009 Regular Monthly Meetings. Copies available.

4. Appointment of Dick Krupp to the Planning Commission, with the term to run through March 31, 2010. Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Anna Grobe. Roll call vote: Ayes; Pam Radabaugh, Harlan Reichle, Bill Robinson, Jim Webber, Anna Grobe. Nays; an alternate is still needed.

5. Re-appointment of the Deputies. The Clerk and Treasurer asked for continued support in the appointment of Maryanne Goodman as Deputy Clerk and Judy Oslin as Deputy Treasurer.

6. Poverty guidelines. Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Jim Webber to adopt the Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2009, with the asset test in the amount of \$1,500.00. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson, Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle. Nays; none.

7. Authorization for the Clerk and Treasurer to pay regular monthly utility bills to avoid any late fees or penalties. Motion by Anna Grobe with a second by Harlan Reichle to adopt a policy to pay regular monthly bills before the due date to avoid any late fees or penalties. These payments will be shown on the monthly check register that is approved at the monthly board meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Jim Webber, Pam Radabaugh, Harlan Reichle, Anna Grobe. Nays; none.

Old Business: 1. Analysis from Benzie County Road Commission for requested road improvements. Report will be given at a later date.

County Updates: Mary Pitcher, County Commissioner- Absent- Mary did stop by on Wednesday and she had nothing to report on. It was suggested that a day be established for her to come to the Township to discuss what is happening at the County and we can let her know what issues Township residents may have.

Bob Blank was asked if Rory Heckman is planning on attending Township meetings as Sheriff. He stated that he believes that he will try and that he will try to provide monthly reports.

Committee Reports: Nancy Simmons, Zoning Administrator- She has investigated several complaints. There have been inquiries for projects for the spring. There is a need to address beach planning. Need to take a closer look at the Zoning Ordinance.

Bob Blank, Planning Commission- He attended a meeting of the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Committee. The County needs to address the Platte Lakes Management Ordinance. The County needs to address the right to allow the County to "police" individuals. The Township is looking into a contract with a professional planner to bring the Township Zoning Ordinance into compliance with the Michigan Enabling Act. Any fees for the professional must have Board approval before a contract can be entered into.

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Public input and general discussion: 3 minute time limit.

Payment of Township Accounts:

Motion by Pam Radabaugh with a second from Anna Grobe to approve check # 3574 thru check #3616 to pay the Township accounts in the amount of \$14,291.70. Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson, Anna Grobe. Nays; none.

Meeting adjourned: 7:49 pm

In Attendance: 6

Respectfully submitted

Anna Grobe
Clerk