

MONTHLY MEETING  
February 7, 2008

*Meeting* called to order by Chairman Bill Robinson at 7:00 PM.

*The Pledge of Allegiance* was given.

*Roll Call:* Harlan Reichle, Pamela Radabaugh, Bill Robinson, Anna Grobe. Absent: Jim Webber

*Minutes* of January 3, 2008, approved.

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

*Additional Agenda items:* Report on Presidential Primary.

Clean up days are scheduled for June 28 and August 23 from 8-noon.

There will be a public hearing on March 6, 2008 at 6:30 pm, prior to the regular monthly meeting on the revisions to the Township Zoning Ordinance to bring it into compliance with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act.

Board of Review dates are as follows:

Tuesday, March 4, 10:00-2:00 to receive the tax roll.

Monday, March 10, 9:00-Noon & 1:00-4:00 appeal hearing.

Tuesday, March 11, 2:00-5:00 & 6:00-9:00 appeal hearing.

*Correspondence:*

**INCOMING:**

1. Schedule of Benzie County Board of Commissioners Regular Meetings and Board of Commissioners Finance Committee meetings. Copies available.
2. Email from Dave Neiger with a progress report on the Grand Vision.
3. Letter from Girl Scouts regarding the need for a permit to sell cookies in our area. None required.
4. Contract from Benzie County Sheriff's Office for 2007-2008 Snowmobile Safety program.
5. Email from Jeanette Feeheley requesting the use of the Township Hall for the annual meeting of the Citizens for Access to the Lakeshore on Thursday, July 17, 2008.
6. Reports from the Snowmobile Safety program.

7. Thank you letter from the Homestead Inland Joint Planning Commission for reviewing their proposed Master Plan.
8. Draft of the Benzie County ATV Ordinance.
9. Letter from Gary Richter opposed to any ATV Ordinance.
10. Letter from Running, Wise and Ford regarding an ongoing issue involving Kathleen M. Elfers. (Arborvitae)
11. Draft minutes from January 31, 2008 County Board of Commissioners regarding the ATV Ordinance.
12. Letter from DEQ regarding the cluster septic systems.
13. Notice of Public Hearing for the Joint Municipal Planning Act on the following dates and locations: March 4, 7:00 at the Homestead Township Hall.  
March 5, 7:00 at that Inland Township Hall.

**OUTGOING:** None

***New Business:*** 1. Discussion on ATV Ordinance. If the Ordinance passes at the County level each Township must decide if they want to join and they would then be responsible for enforcement. There are no trails in Lake Township. After a show of hands, there were more opposed than there were for it. The majority of the opposition was due to the possibility that the ATVs would not stay on the shoulders and start going across private property.

2. Dick Sanderson-presented plans for the boat launch. On the plans he had, there was 1 light pole, which was not well received. He also stated that rather than one tall pole or there could be 3 or 4 low height poles installed. He requested \$2,000.00 for the installation. The maintenance and cost of the electricity would be paid for by the Township. There was also discussion on how the lights would be timed. The Township **will not** make any commitment at this time for the boat launch.

3. Marlene Zylstra gave a report on the County Recycling Program. There are now totes for plastic bags at each site, though they are moved around. All plastic bags are accepted; grocery bags, dry cleaning bags, etc.... There are 2 days scheduled for Hazardous Waste and Electronic pickups: **May 3, 2008 at Almira Township and August 9, 2008 with the location to be announced. These are by appointment only.** She is working on a grant that may allow for another 2 dates, but for now it is only the two dates. It was mentioned that Marlene put on a very informative presentation at the library and that it may be a good idea for the Township to have the presentation.

***Old Business:*** None

***County Updates:*** **Mary Pitcher-** Craig Johnson is having CPR classes and would be happy to schedule one at Lake Township. The Clerk will call him to set a date and time, perhaps to have the information for the newsletter. The DNR has 3 parcels that, they are disposing of that will be available for purchase in the Township; 2 would be available to the Township and the third would be available by auction. She asked if the Township has Government District that which would not have zoning. Nancy will look into it.

**Bob Blank- Absent**

***Committee Reports:*** Zoning Administrator- **Nancy Simmons-**Phone calls are starting up again. Questions as to what can and cannot be done. She has also received a call as to the requirements if

someone wanted to raise chickens. The Planning Commission will also need to address the move to have living quarters/studios above garages.

Planning Commission- **Bob Blank- Absent**

***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 checks #3186 thru #3218 and for the purpose of paying the Township Accounts in the amount of \$36,822.73. **Roll call vote:**

**Ayes; Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson, Anna Grobe. Nays; none. Absent; Jim Webber.**

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 pm

In Attendance: 11

Respectfully submitted

Anna Grobe

Clerk