

MONTHLY MEETING

July 3, 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 June 5, 2008, approved.

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

*Additional Agenda items:* Ray Franz introduced himself as a candidate for State Representative.

*Correspondence:*

**INCOMING:**

1. Thank you letter from the Benzie County Sheriff's Dept. for our payment for the snowmobile patrol contract.
2. Letter from the Benzie County Sheriff's Dept authorizing the use of their radio frequency for the park and office personnel.
3. Thank you letter from John B. Daugherty for the opportunity to introduce himself as a candidate for the County Prosecutor.
4. Report from the Sheriff's Dept. for the summer contracted road patrols.
5. Letter from the MI Land Use Institute regarding a research project that is ongoing this summer.
6. Thank you letter and newsletter from the Friends of Point Betsie. There will be several opportunities to attend events throughout the summer.

**OUTGOING:**

1. Letter sent to Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore regarding our opinion of the General Management Plan.
2. Letter of Thanks sent to Ranger Michael Stansberry for attending our June meeting.
3. Letter sent to Northern Woods Custom Builders informing them that their recent bid for the replacement of 5 windows in the Township Hall has not been accepted.
4. Letter sent to Paul Badura Carpentry that his bid for the replacement of 5 windows in the Township Hall has been accepted.

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5. Letters sent to Daniel Orr and Pat Jehle appointing them as representatives on the possible joint venture between the Benzonia and Darcy Libraries.

6. Fax of letter from Sheriff's Dept. sent to Tele-Rad for the programming of the radios for the park.

7. Letter of support sent to the County Planning Dept. for the adoption of the Platte Lakes Management ordinance.

**New Business:** 1. Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Anna Grobe to accept the Lake Township Master Plan as presented so that it may be distributed to the surrounding municipalities. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.**

2. Pat Jehle read a report on the possible joining of the Beulah and Benzonia Libraries. She also presented the Board with a contract for that would place a millage on the ballot (possibly in November) not to exceed .39 for a term of 10 (ten) years. Issue will be reviewed by the Board and will be discussed at the August meeting. Millage would cover the operating expense. Benzonia has an endowment for improvements. A question was asked about the long term costs. It was suggested that any questions be directed to Harold Case. It was also mentioned that no mention was made of the donation from the Township in the most recent newsletter and that Ann Dam is not good about returning phone calls.

3. Marlene Zylstra, Benzie County Recycling Coordinator thanked the Board for allowing Mary Pitcher to be at our recent clean up day. She was able to state the amount of materials that was collected for recycling. There were some questions regarding the approach used for the collection of the items. Marlene is still working on research to include businesses in the program. Some of the issues are the volume of materials and the costs to charge the businesses. She would like to include businesses at no increase to the current residential rate. There will be a hazardous and electronic waste day on Saturday August 9 at the Road Commission. There will be no charge for computer materials, and all other electronics will be charged \$5.00 per item. Styrofoam will be accepted at this clean up. She stressed that any large amounts of cardboard be taken to the schools so that the organizations can recoup some of the money. There will be an ad in the paper and she is always available to answer questions.

**Old Business:** Clean up day- Jim Webber reported that 120 vehicles and trailers were emptied. Gus Ely was first in line once again. We were able to use only 2 trucks and the metal trailer, which saved us \$1,800.00. Jim also thanked all the volunteers for their hard work. Jim will check into whether we can get some money back on the amount of metal collected or get a break on the price for the clean up.

**County Updates:** Mary Pitcher, County Commissioner- absent

**Bob Blank, Benzie County Sheriff-** Meeting was held on Thursday July 3, 2008 with Under Sheriff Rory Heckman and Deputy John Brazaski about the procedure to be used in contacting the Dept. by radio, with any emergency calls at the Township Park. The radio was shown to those in attendance. Bob was complimented for the great cooperation with the Township. Also a "job well done" for Deputy Brazaski.

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**Committee Reports:** Planning Commission- **Bob Blank**- He will be distributing the Township Master Plan, then after the required waiting period for comments, will have another meeting for the recommendation to the Board for the adoption of the Master Plan.

Zoning Administrator- **Nancy Simmons**- absent. She and Bill did post a violation notice on an illegal dock today. A certified letter was sent to the individual but was not picked up. The dock must be removed.

The hours for the pick up of applications for absentee ballots were mentioned.

There will be an Election Committee meeting on Monday July 7, 2008 at 12:30 to discuss the scheduling of inspectors for the August 5, 2008 primary.

Citizens for Access to the Lakeshore will have their meeting here on July 17, 2008 at I believe 6:00. Any more information can be obtained by contacting Jeanette Feehely

A nice donation for the park was received from Crystal Mountain.

We will also be receiving two donations from Whispering Creek for the park.

It was mentioned that the Mekough (?) Land Co. must go through the Planning Commission about a potential development.

Sally Casey introduced herself as a candidate for County Commissioner.

**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 check #3341(which was skipped during last month's printing) and check #3362 thru check #3406 to pay the Township accounts in the amount of \$41,296.41. Check # 3372 is void and Check # 3385 was skipped during printing and will be used next month. This payment includes 6 (six) months of the fire contract and 1<sup>st</sup> responders, as well as \$200.00 for the sign up for natural gas hook up. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson, & Anna Grobe. Nays; none.**

Meeting adjourned: 7:59 pm

In Attendance: 17

Respectfully submitted

Anna Grobe

Clerk