

MONTHLY MEETING
November 6, 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 October 2, 2008, approved. With one correction: County Updates-Question regarding the director of the planning commission should have read Planning Department.

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: Compliments were received on the new windows. Flag pole and flag have been received for the Township Park. Installation will be in the spring. The park attendants will put it up in the morning and it will be taken down in the evening.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Thank you from the Benzie County Sheriff's Dept.
2. Newsletter from the Benzie Area Historical Society
3. Email from Marlene Wood-Zylstra regarding the upcoming collections for 2009 and a request to include the information in the winter tax bills.
4. FOIA request from Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones PLC regarding beach grooming permits for the Platte River Point beach.
5. Letter of resignation from Planning Commission Member Don Cheriez.
6. Invitation to the Board to attend a ceremony to Thank Clarence Davis for his years of service as Supervisor of Platte Township.

OUTGOING:

1. Schedule of election inspectors' letters sent to the Democratic and Republican Chairs.
2. Letter sent to Mika MeyersBeckett & Jones PLC regarding a FOIA request.

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New Business:

1. Minutes of the Election Committee meeting.
2. Un-official results of the General Election. 666 votes cast-766 registered voters.
3. Resolution to the Benzie County Road Commission for cost analysis:
 - A. Resolution 01- To extend the gravel portion of Birch Trail to allow access to a lot for the property owner. Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Harlan Reichle. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.**
 - B. Resolution 01- To bring the roads in Buttercup Shores up to code. Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Harlan Reichle. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.**

Old Business:

1. It was mentioned that we still need to take some action on the Library issue. We will look for a suitable location to hold a workshop so that we can accommodate the public for input. When a location is found we will decide on a date and will publish the information. We would seek representation on the library board. It was mentioned that having a question and answer page placed in the winter tax bills, but due to the timing, it does not seem possible at this time.

County Updates: Mary Pitcher, County Commissioner- Planning Director Position will remain at the County until December 31, 2008. There have been some layoffs in the Planning Dept. Mary is seeking another Brownfield Development Grant.

Bob Blank, Benzie County Sheriff- Transition of new Sheriff should be easy. Sheriff elect looks forward to working with the Township. Suggested that we begin to require background checks on all employees. He would assist us in setting up account with the State Police to accomplish this. He was absent due his working with FEMA on hurricane relief in TX.

Committee Reports: Nancy Simmons, Zoning Administrator- Quiet fall, she has been investigating complaints. There has not been much work with new construction or many new permit requests.

Bob Blank, Planning Commission- They are exploring the possibility of working with a professional planner on the master plan to comply with the MEA.

Public input and general discussion: 3 minute time limit.

Payment of Township Accounts:

Motion by Pam Radabaugh to approve postage for the mailing of winter tax bills with a second by Anna Grobe. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.**

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There was a brief explanation as to the reason for the budget amendment from the October meeting regarding the Township Park. The transfer was made due to the payment for the extra summer road patrols.

Motion by Pam Radabaugh with a second from Jim Webber to approve check # 3535 thru check #3573 to pay the Township accounts in the amount of \$24,264.04. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.**

Meeting adjourned: 7:40 pm

In Attendance: 13

Respectfully submitted

Anna Grobe
Clerk