

MONTHLY MEETING
September 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 August 7, 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: John Brakora, candidate for the 85th District Court introduced himself. He also gave a brief overview of the cases that would be heard in the District and Probate Court. Currently the Probate Court Judge is hearing some cases of the District Court.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Sheriff's Dept. reports for the contracted road patrols.
2. Postcard from DTE regarding the natural gas line.
3. Letter from the Benzie County Road Commission regarding our position on the possible ORV ordinance. The current opinion on the Board is that there are still many questions that we would like to see addressed before we make any decision on the possibility of the Township adopting such an ordinance. It was pointed out that the Township may restrict up 30% of the roads that the ORVs may use. It was suggested that it be looked into establishing trails for the riders. The County vote was 4 to 3 to reconsider. They are also gathering more information from the NPS, DNR and Road Commission. A letter will be sent addressing our concerns.
4. Letter from MI Planners, Inc. regarding health insurance, informational only.
5. Letter from Dick Figura regarding the Township Master Plan. The deadline was missed in completing the Master Plan. The Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator will meet to continue the work on the Master Plan as well as some needed revisions in the Zoning Ordinance.
6. Letter from TruGreen informing us of a rate increase due to the cost of fuel in the increased cost of products.
7. Newsletter from Keep Michigan Beautiful.

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OUTGOING:

1. NONE

New Business:

1. Request for signed permits to be sent to MDOT for the Santer Cause Half Marathon to take place July 25, 2009. We will sign and forward the documents to the proper authorities.
2. Resolution to establish an escrow account for certain zoning applications. The Zoning Administrator and Planning Commission will meet to discuss the amount that the Township could request to be held in an escrow account. We already have the language to collect costs, but this would ensure some funds in the event that the plan falls through.

Old Business:

1. Recount of the August Primary race for State Representative. Maryanne Goodman and Dottie Blank attended representing the Township. The results for Lake Township were upheld and no problems were found.
2. The office hours for the fall and winter have gone back into effect. The current hours will be Monday and Friday 9:00 until Noon, Wednesday 9:00 until 3:00 and the second Saturday from 11:00 until 1:00. The office of the Clerk will again be modified to accommodate voters requesting AV ballots. The Treasurer's office will also have modified hours for tax collection. These hours will be published in the Record Patriot.

County Updates: Mary Pitcher, County Commissioner- The County has hired a new Auditor; Rehmann Robson. She reported that beginning January 5, 2009, #5 plastics (yogurt containers, cottage cheese, etc...) will be accepted. There will also be containers to accept Styrofoam some time next year. The County Budget, draft form will be voted on September 9, 2008 and the final Budget will be voted on September 15, 2008. There is a possibility of layoffs, with 5 departments up for consideration. Work on the Grand Vision is going to Dallas TX. A \$3.1 million grant was received for the work and Benzie County has no vote on the TC Talus board which made the decision on where to send the project.

Bob Blank, Benzie County Sheriff- Labor Day is past, and things are getting quiet again. The radio that was used by the park personnel worked well this year, as did the contracted road patrols.

Committee Reports: Planning Commission- **Bob Blank-** Nothing additional to add.
Zoning Administrator- **Nancy Simmons-** LUPs are down from this time last year.

Clean up day- Jim Webber was unable to supervise the August clean up day, but all went well. Approximately 86 residents came through during the day. We only used half of the metal bin for this clean up and Jim will okay the bill when it is received. We also received a \$20.00 donation which will be used to provide refreshments for the 2009 clean ups.

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 # 3451 thru check #3498 to pay the Township accounts in the amount of \$19,808.91. Check # 3385, which was

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skipped during printing in June, is void. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.**

Meeting adjourned: 8:08 pm

In Attendance: 21

Respectfully submitted

Anna Grobe
Clerk

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