

MONTHLY MEETING  
February 5, 2009

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

*The Pledge of Allegiance* was given.

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

*Minutes* of January 2, 2009, approved.

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

*Additional Agenda items:* Budget workshop will be held on Friday March 6 at 10:30 am at the Township Hall.

Clerk's office will be closed on Wednesday February 18 from 1:00 until 3:00 pm due to a meeting with the County Clerk.

Question about the Snowmobile Safety Program donation not being on the agenda? It was not shown due to the absence of Jim Webber and Harlan Reichle.

Question about the upcoming Road Commission meeting regarding the Natural Beauty Road designation on Sutter Road. This is shown under new business.

*Correspondence:*

**INCOMING:**

1. Letter from State Dept. of Treasury regarding our being delinquent on our F-65 report.
2. Fax from UNISON regarding any cell tower leases on Township property.
3. Letter from the Girl Scouts regarding the need for a solicitor's license to sell cookies out our Township. None is necessary and they have been informed.
4. Letter from the Benzie Bus showing the ridership for the year.
5. Email with the meeting dates and times for the County Commissioners.
6. Letter from MTA regarding the submission of any projects for the economic stimulus fund.
7. Letter from Kathy Ralston, Chair of the ICC with information on the upcoming summit to be held on February 21, 2009 at the Platte River Assoc. Hall from 8:30-4:30. There is a \$20.00 registration fee. Also a second letter requesting a donation of \$50.00 to help cover the cost of speakers who will be in attendance.

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8. Letter from the TC Children's Theater requesting a possible date for a production at the Township Park. An electrical outlet will be needed for the sound system. (A call will be made explaining that Saturdays in our Park are not available during the summer.)

9. Minutes from the January 21, 2009 Benzie Chapter MTA meeting.

10. Brochure from MI Assoc. of Planning on upcoming training programs.

11. Notice of Public Hearing on the Homestead/Inland Joint Planning

Commission.

12. Letter from Dick Figura regarding the vacating of Pine Street.

13. Response from Williams Consulting regarding the Master Plan.

### OUTGOING:

1. Letter sent to Bob Ward informing him of our disengagement for his services of completing our annual audit.

2. Copy of the letter to Bob Ward sent to Dave Wilson. Also a request for his firm to complete our F-65 and doing our audit.

3. Letters sent to area consulting firms to get interest in assisting us with our Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance. Two requests have been received and further information was sent out.

4. F-65 report was received from Dave Wilson and sent to the Dept. of Treasury.

**New Business:** 1. Road Commission Public Hearing, February 11, 2009 regarding Sutter Road. Some questions that were asked: is the designation made by the State or County? Does the designation have any effect on funding? How is the designation achieved? If there is interest in removing the designation, why?

**Old Business:** 1. None

**County Updates: Mary Pitcher, County Commissioner-** New brochures from the Recycling Coordinator copies available. Jail millage renewal will be on the ballot for May, though the rate has not yet been set. The County has contracted with Pete Brewski for soil erosion permits. He will be available 2 days a week, through the end of April.

**Rory Heckman, County Sheriff-** absent.

**Committee Reports: Nancy Simmons, Zoning Administrator-** Received a call regarding a 55 acre development, what procedures must be followed. Also several calls on what the procedure is for upcoming projects.

**Bob Blank, Planning Commission-** Meeting on Tuesday February 10 at 6:30. They will be reviewing the responses for assistance in redoing our Master Plan.

**Public input and general discussion: 3 minute time limit.**

**Budget amendment:** Motion by Pam Radabaugh with a second by Anna Grobe to amend the budget by transferring \$500.00 from Fund 265 Building & Grounds to Fund 336 1<sup>st</sup>. Responders. This will result

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in new totals of \$27,275.00 for Fund 265 Building & Grounds and \$3,000.00 for fund 336 1<sup>st</sup>. Responders. **Roll call vote: Aye; Bill Robinson, Anna Grobe, Pam Radabaugh. Nays; none. Harlan Reichle, Jim Webber absent.**

***Payment of Township Accounts:***

Motion by Pam Radabaugh with a second from Bill Robinson to approve check # 3654 in the amount of \$180.00 which was paid in January, and check #3655 thru check #3681 to pay the Township accounts in the amount of \$35,840.56. This includes our final payments on the Fire & 1<sup>st</sup> Responders contracts. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson, Anna Grobe. Nays; none. Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle absent.**

Meeting adjourned: 7:31 pm

In Attendance: 8

Respectfully submitted

Anna Grobe  
Clerk