

MONTHLY MEETING
July 2, 2009

Meeting called to order by Anna Grobe due to the absence of Bill Robinson at 7:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

Minutes of June 4, 2009, approved. With one correction-last check issued in June was #3864.

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

Additional Agenda items: There will be no evening office hours on Wednesday July 15, 2009 due to a previously scheduled meeting.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Memo regarding the shredding of voided checks
2. Letter of intent to contract with Dave Wilson CPA for our audits for the years ending March 2010, 2011 & 2012. Motion by Pam Radabaugh with a second by Jim Webber to accept the three (3) year contract with Dave Wilson CPA for our audits for the years ending March 31, 2010, 2011, 2012. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Pam Radabaugh and Anna Grobe. Nays; None. Absent: Bill Robinson and Harlan Reichle.**
3. Newsletter from the Benzie Area Historical Society.
4. Audit report received. Audit was unqualified, which means it was a good audit. There was one area of concern with not having the bank reconciliation in a form, which has now been addressed and will be prepared in the future.
5. Letter from County regarding openings on Planning Commission.
6. Registration form for a wind energy workshop in Empire for planning commissions.
7. Update from Charter Communications regarding their restructuring.

OUTGOING:

1. Letter sent to the County opting out of the ORV ordinance.

New Business:

1. Audit was held on June 8, 2010 and was unqualified.
2. Meeting was held with Consumers Energy regarding upcoming trimming in the Township. Set to start approximately July 7.

Old Business:

1. Road issues. Resolution read by Jim Webber for any contributions from the Township for road repairs. Some concerns were raised as to the paved roads in the Township that are County and paved roads as well as gravel and seasonal roads that are in the Township. Every project will be looked at on a case by case basis for Township involvement.

Motion by Anna Grobe with a second by Jim Webber to approve the resolution as **read. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Pam Radabaugh, Jim Webber. Nays; none. Absent; Bill Robinson and Harlan Reichle.**

2. Motion by Anna Grobe with a second by Pam Radabaugh to approve to commit **no more than \$35,000.00** of Township funds for the Buttercup Shores road work with the approval of the Benzie County Road Commission to pay our portion over a 2 year period. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Pam Radabaugh, Anna Grobe, Jim Webber. Nays; none. Absent; Harlan Reichle and Bill Robinson.**

County updates:

Mary Pitcher-County Commissioner- County is looking into a Special Assessment District for Benzonia South Shore of Platte Lake, for a community septic system. County Planning Commission approved the Platte Lake overlay district. It will now go before the County Commissioners as a whole for approval. The Township may be contacted to make sure that the ordinances are compatible and to come up with a plan for enforcement. There have been a series of breaking and entering crimes on the North Shore of Crystal Lake near Chimney Corners. The county owns the former junk yard on 669 and have been recently cleaning up the site. They have received a \$21,000.00 tire grant and have been slowly cleaning up the tires. The pole barn on the site may possibly be used to house the County Recycling overflow when there is a hazardous/electronic waste, styrofoam collections. The next hazardous waste/electronic collection will be August 8 at the Road Commission Garage. Call Marlene at 882-0554 for appointments and more information. Comment was made on the interview with Marlene on the local news regarding the illegal use of the County sites.

Committee Reports:

Nancy Simmons, Zoning Administrator- Absent
Bob Blank, Planning Commission- Absent

Public input and general discussion: 3 minute time limit. Question was raised why we are going to request the funds for the road work on Buttercup Shores to be spread over a two fiscal year period. It is anticipated that the work will be completed within a week to 10 day time period. The Township will contact the Road Commission with our decision tonight. Question was raised regarding the coverage of fire responses for the northern areas of the Township. Request was made that we look into other options for coverage for fire runs as well as first responders.

Clean up day report- 127 vehicles came through with 6-8 tons of metal being collected. The cost of the cleanup will be adjusted for the amount of metal. Thank you to all the

volunteers and to Maryanne Goodman for help in the sending of letters. Next cleanup date will be Saturday, August 22 from 8am-noon.

Payment of Township Accounts:

Motion by Pam Radabaugh with a second from Jim Webber to approve check # 3865 & # 3866 and GF MM check #550 (postage for the mailing of tax bills) and Park Fund check #1002 (electric) in the amount of \$1,822.13 which were paid in June. To approve check #3867 thru check #3909 to pay the Township accounts in the amount of \$23,805.22. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Anna Grobe, Pam Radabaugh. Nays; none. Absent; Harlan Reichle, and Bill Robinson.**

Meeting adjourned: 7:40 pm
In Attendance: 9
Respectfully submitted

Anna Grobe, Clerk