

MONTHLY MEETING  
May 7, 2009

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

*The Pledge of Allegiance* was given.

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

*Minutes* of April 2, 2009, approved.

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

*Additional Agenda items:* The office will be closed on Monday June 1, so that the staff can attend the MTA Spring District Meeting.

*Correspondence:*

**INCOMING:**

1. Letter from Abonmarche Designs regarding cemeteries. Informational only, called and informed them that we do not have any cemeteries in our Township.
2. Draft minutes from the County ORV Ordinance meeting. Copies available.
3. Letter from Charter Communications regarding their financial status.
4. Letter from City of Frankfort regarding a Summer Recreation program and a request to possibly sponsor a child.
5. Newsletter from the Benzie Area Historical Society.
6. Signed contract from the Benzie Sheriff's Dept. for the snowmobile patrols.
7. Letter from the Benzie Sheriff's Dept. about the rate for the contracted summer road patrols. Motion by Anna Grobe with a second by Pam Radabaugh to accept the rate of \$43.56 per hour. **Roll call vote: Ayes; all. Nays; none.**
8. Letter from DTE regarding spring clean up of their work sites.
9. Newsletter from the Platte Lake Improvement Association.
10. Letter from Adam Meldrum requesting all Affidavits of Identity for all candidates for all offices that were on the ballot in August 2008. Letter was sent directing their request to the Benzie County Clerk.
11. Letter from the Benzie County Road Commission on brining. Motion by Harlan Reichle with a second by Jim Webber to accept the brining of Township roads at the estimated cost of \$549.45 per application with 2 applications. **Roll call vote: Ayes; all. Nays; none.**
12. Annual salary survey from MTA- returned by fax.

13. Letter from Charter regarding cable TV usage-informational only.
14. Notice of Public Hearing for County Planning Commission Ordinance.
15. Newsletter from the League of Women Voters.

**OUTGOING:**

1. Update of Planning Commission members sent to the MI Assoc. of Planning.
2. Update faxed to NW MI Council of Governments of all Board members.  
(Township Board, Planning Commission, & Zoning Board of Appeals.)

***New Business:***

1. Election results-Report presented
2. Paul Olsen-Update on insurance coverage-not in attendance.
3. Tax collection for the County presented by the Treasurer. We had the highest percentage of payments in the County.

***Old Business:***

1. Agreement with TBA/ISD for the collection of summer taxes. The Treasurer will call to get the rates so that the agreement can be signed.
2. Road repair in Buttercup Shores. Ongoing discussion held on how to fund the repairs of the road. The residents are willing to pay a share of the cost. The Road Commission would pay 25% and the remaining amount would be up to the Township (with the contributions of the residents). A Committee was formed consisting of Jim Webber and Harlan Reichle, Trustees and they will meet with Bob Weaver Manager of the Road Commission to discuss how to establish a percentage or cap that the Township would pay and guidelines to determine what roads would be repaired.

***County updates:***

Mary Pitcher-County Commissioner-Absent. Chuck Clarke, County Administrator commented on the passage of the Jail Operation Millage renewal. The Animal Control Millage will be on the November ballot as a renewal. The millage renewal for ALS will be on the ballot in 2010. A grant was received for the Sheriff's Marine Patrol.  
Rory Heckman-County Sheriff- Absent.

***Committee Reports:***

**Nancy Simmons, Zoning Administrator-** Land Use Permit requests are starting to increase as the weather improves. Still getting inquiries regarding lot splits.

**Bob Blank, Planning Commission-** Absent. Sally Casey, Planning Commission member asked for the Board to support a contract with Williams Consulting Services of Traverse City for work on the Township Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance. The contract will be sent to Richard Figura, Atty. for review. Motion by Anna Grobe with a second by Pam Radabaugh to authorize a letter of acceptance to be sent to the firm to contract with them for work on our Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance contingent upon the approval of the contract from our attorney. **Roll call vote: Ayes; all. Nays; none.**

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

***Payment of Township Accounts:***

Budget amendment-Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Harlan Reichle to transfer \$2,000.00 from Fund 171 Supervisor to Fund 890 Contingency. This will result in a new balance of \$21,562 for Fund 171 and 12,000.00 for Fund 890. Roll call vote: Ayes; all. Nays; none.

Motion by Pam Radabaugh with a second from Harlan Reichle to approve check # 3785 & Check # 3786 in the amount of \$725.47 which were paid in April. To approve check #3787 thru Check#3827 to pay the Township accounts in the amount of \$21,622.20. This includes our annual donations to the Benzie Area Historical Society, Benzonia Library, Darcy Library of Beulah, and the Friends of Point Betsie. **Roll call vote: Ayes;. Nays; none.**

Meeting adjourned: 7:50 pm

In Attendance: 7

Respectfully submitted

Anna Grobe, Clerk

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