

MONTHLY MEETING
October 1, 2009

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

Minutes of September 3, 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; Harlan Reichle, Bill Robinson, Jim Webber, Pam Radabaugh and Anna Grobe Nays; none.**

Additional Agenda items: 1. Wednesday evening and second Saturday office hours have been suspended and will resume in May of 2010. Additional office hours for applications for AV ballots for the November election will start on October 5 and run through the end of the month. The hours will be posted and published in the paper.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Minutes from the Platte River Watershed Council meeting.
2. Newsletter from the Benzie Area Historical Society.
3. Benzie County Recreation & Cultural Master Plan.

OUTGOING:

Master Plan-Copies have been mailed to all surrounding municipalities for comment. There is a 63 day time frame for them to review and comment. Planning Commission will meet to review any comments and make changes if necessary. Then a public hearing will be held and then the plan will be presented to the Board for approval.

New Business:

1. Minutes from the Election Commission meeting held on Wednesday September 30, 2009 read.
2. Contract for the Fire and First Responders. Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Harlan Reichle to accept the Fire Contract with the cost of \$44,663.70. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Pam Radabaugh, Anna Grobe, Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle and Bill Robinson. Nays; none.** Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Harlan Reichle to accept the First Responders contract at a cost of

\$11,131.30. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Bill Robinson, Anna Grobe, Harlan Reichle and Pam Radabaugh. Nays; none.**

3. Request for funds for aerial photography of the County. The Township would receive a digital copy. Cost would be no more than \$700.00. Motion by Anna Grobe with a second by Jim Webber to contribute **no more than \$700.00** to the County for aerial photography of the County with the Township receiving a digital copy. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Pam Radabaugh, Harlan Reichle, Jim Webber, Anna Grobe and Bill Robinson. Nays; none.** A question was asked as to the availability of the photos, once completed, on line. Mary Pitcher will check to see if it would be on the County site, to which we have a link.

Old Business: 1. None.

County updates: Mary Pitcher-County Commissioner- Budget has been adopted. Building Dept. inspections will remain local. Planning and Zoning is funded through December 31, 2009. There is a proposal to request Townships under County zoning to contribute to the costs involved. Mary is fighting to keep zoning under County control. There is no Administrator at the County at this time. The Treasurer, Clerk and County Commissioners have taken on more responsibility. Mary is working on the Point Betsie Lighthouse, although Chuck Clarke is also working on it. Commissioners are meeting every Monday to discuss what direction the County is moving and there has been some progress. There are funds available for an Administrator in the current budget at the same rate that was being paid before.

Committee Reports:

Nancy Simmons, Zoning Administrator- There has been more interest in LUP recently. Question was asked about any work being allowed behind Baatz Resort. The property owner has been doing some selective logging. Question was asked about work being done in Crystal Highlands. Bill and Nancy will check to see what is going on. Work is going well on Buttercup Shores.
Bob Blank, Planning Commission- Absent. Work is going well on the Zoning Ordinance.

Public input and general discussion: 3 minute time limit.

Payment of Township Accounts:

Motion by Pam Radabaugh with a second from Anna Grobe to approve General Fund check #560 in the amount of \$165.77, Park Fund check #1008 in the amount of \$49.19 and Fire Fund check #1075 in the amount of \$72.40, all for electric, which were paid in September. To approve check #3995 thru check #4030 to pay the Township accounts in the amount of \$19,044.96. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Anna Grobe, Jim Webber, Pam Radabaugh and Harlan Reichle. Nays; none.**

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Meeting adjourned: 7:40 pm

In Attendance: 10

Respectfully submitted

Anna Grobe, Clerk

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