

MONTHLY MEETING
September 3, 2009

Meeting called to order by 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. Absent

Minutes of August 6, 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; Anna Grobe, Jim Webber, Bill Robinson, Pam Radabaugh and Harlan Reichle. Nays; none.**

Additional Agenda items:

1. Proposal for conversion from LP to natural gas for furnace.
2. Buttercup shores and Birch Trail roadwork update.
3. Fire contract update.
4. Clean-up update.

Correspondence:

INCOMING: None.

OUTGOING:

1. Letter to Sylvan Point Association regarding a road safety issue.
2. Letter to Benzie County is support of the partnership between the County and Cherry Capitol Connections to bring broadband service to the entire County.
3. Form sent to JL Stephan C.PC in regards to any payments to the Darcy Library of Beulah for their audit.
4. Letter to the Benzie County Road Commission requesting bids for the Buttercup Shores road project.
5. Letter sent to Jason Rupright about boxes that were left in the Township Park.
6. Letter sent to Charter Communications regarding franchise agreement.

New Business:

1. Master Plan/Zoning Ordinance-Roger Williams, consultant- Master Plan draft had been presented to the Board for review. There were some typos that will be corrected and it was suggested that it be stronger language be used for the enforcement and possible fines for not getting the proper permits. The changes will be made and then the Plan will be sent to contiguous government

entities for review. They will have 63 days to review and make comments. Then the Planning Commission will schedule a public hearing to review the plan. Then it will be formerly presented to the Board for adoption. Work is ongoing on the Zoning Ordinance. Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Jim Webber to okay the draft for distribution to adjoining government entities. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Pam Radabaugh, Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.

2. Buttercup Shores- Final agreement has been signed and will be taken to the Benzie County Road Commission (BCRC). The collection of funds by the residents of Buttercup Shores is going well. The new bid for the project is lower than originally stated.

3. Birch Trail- A meeting is scheduled for September 14 with the BCRC and the DEQ for the necessary permits and the work will then start.

4. Fire contract- The current contract will be \$55,795.00. This would be a one year contract and will include 1st. Responder coverage as well. There is a meeting scheduled for September.

5. A Papano's Pizzeria approached the Township about giving out samples of their products. They also wanted to possibly attach a coupon to our parking permits for visitors to redeem. A motion was made by Anna Grobe with a second by Jim Webber to allow NO SOLICITATION at the Township Park. Roll call vote: Ayes; Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson, Anna Grobe and Jim Webber. Nays; none.

6. Proposal for the conversion from LP to natural gas for the building furnace. Bill and Anna met with Nye Plumbing to discuss the job. The Township hall would be converted to natural gas, (the furnace only) and the Fire Building and generator would remain on LP. A price of \$889.34 from Nye Plumbing and Heating. This includes all parts and labor and coordination with DTE for the setting of the meter. It was suggested that we contact Moore Plumbing and Heating and Crossman Plumbing and Heating for proposals. The Clerk will contact them and report to the Board with the figures.

7. Clean up report- The participation of residents was less for the second clean up than the first. Many thanks to all who volunteered their time and efforts. Special thanks to Maryanne Goodman for handling the letters. The 2010 dates have been set as follows: Saturday June 26 and Saturday September 25. Both dates will be from 8am until noon or until the two trucks are full. We have gone to a later date for the second clean up based upon suggestions from residents as well as other Board members.

Old Business: 1. None.

County updates: Mary Pitcher-County Commissioner- Thanked the board for the letter of support for the application for County wide broadband coverage. The letter was not submitted due to a change in the application process and there wasn't enough time to let the Board know about the changes. She left a draft copy of the County budget with the Clerk and Supervisor which were given to the rest of the board. She asked for any comments and stated that there is a public hearing on September 8 and the adoption is set for September 15. The items on the ballot for November will be school board members for both Benzie Central and Frankfort/Elberta Districts, millage renewals for both districts and a renewal for the Animal Control Department.

Committee Reports:

Nancy Simmons, Zoning Administrator- She is happy with the progress that is being made with the Zoning Ordinance review. There hasn't been a lot of activity with new construction. There is still interest in land divisions and lot splits.

Bob Blank, Planning Commission- Absent.

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 General Fund check #557 in the amount of \$176.19, Park Fund check #1006 in the amount of \$58.49 and Fire Fund check #1073 in the amount of \$69.67, all for electric, which were paid in August. To approve check #3956 thru check #3994 to pay the Township accounts in the amount of \$18,008.54. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Pam Radabaugh, Jim Webber, Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson and Harlan Reichle. Nays; none.**

Meeting adjourned: 7:44 pm

In Attendance: 10

Respectfully submitted

Anna Grobe, Clerk