

MONTHLY MEETING
April 1, 2010

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

Minutes of March 4, 2010 approved.

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

Additional Agenda items: 1. Clerk's office will be closed on Wednesday April 21, 2010 due to election preparation meetings.
2. Introduction of Darwin Booher-candidate for the Senate.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Newsletter from the League of Women Voters.
2. Information regarding an upcoming forum on energy savings to be held on April 21, 2010 from 5-7 PM at the County Govt. Center.
3. Letter of introduction from "Friends of Nicolette McClure" –running for US Congressional Representative 2nd. District.
4. Report from the Snowmobile Patrol from Benzie County Sheriff's Dept.
5. Check received from Crystal Downs Country Club.
6. Notice from the County Clerk regarding openings on County Planning Commission to represent Tourism & Rec., Business & Economic Development, Citizen at Large and Education.
7. Letter from the Benzie County Road Commission about the cost for brining the 2.97 miles of road that has been brined in the past. The cost would be \$519.75 per application with 2 applications being done. Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Harlan Reichle. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Pam Radabaugh, Anna Grobe, Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Bill Robinson. Nays; none.**

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OUTGOING:

1. Letter sent to Crystal Downs Country Club requesting reimbursement for street lighting.
2. Letter sent to the Frankfort Fire Dept. requesting reimbursement for rent, electric, propane and snow plowing.

New Business: 1. Minutes from Annual Meeting.-read by Clerk.

Old Business: 1. None.

County updates: Mary Pitcher-County Commissioner- 10 recycling bins are being repainted; this was included in the budget. County Zoning is over as of March 31, 2010. Platte Township and Benzonia have their own Zoning Ordinance in place. The County still has to trim money out of the budget. The County will now open at 8:30 on Fridays. It was asked if the County has considered a furlough day, similar to the state. It has not as yet; discussion on what day would make the most sense. The County is opening up the contract with MSU Extension to look at where some money could be saved. Question asked about the problems with the Council on Aging. They were given 10 days to respond to the issues in question, if no resolution is reached, the County may break the contract. In addition to the recycling bins getting a new coat of paint, there has also been a change in the manner of recycling batteries, contact Marlene Zylstra for more information. The forum on Energy Savings is for Government entities and there may be grant money available for improvements for savings on energy costs.

Committee Reports:

Nancy Simmons, Zoning Administrator- Work on Zoning Ordinance is completed. A public hearing will be held on April 29 at 6:30. Then the Ordinance will go to the County for review (30 days) then it can be presented to the Board for adoption.

Bob Blank- Planning Commission Chair- absent. Statement read by Clerk showing the activity of the Planning Commission for FY 2009.

Public input and general discussion: Non-scientific survey of 13 fishermen conducted by a resident regarding the proposed boat launch upgrade. Of the 13, 1 would like to think about some more and 12 were all for it, but still had concerns about the timing of the work.

Payment of Township Accounts:

Approval of prepaid bills for the end of March. Motion by Pam Radabaugh with a second from Anna Grobe to approve check #4212 thru check #4244 to pay the Township accounts in the amount of \$14,177.35. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Harlan Reichle, Anna Grobe, Jim Webber, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson.**

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 pm

In Attendance: 8

Respectfully submitted

Anna Grobe, Clerk