

MONTHLY MEETING
September 2, 2010

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

Minutes of August 5, 2010, approved. Harlan Reichle arrives at 7:04.

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

Additional Agenda items: A call was made to the Benzie County Road Commission about the upgrade of the boat launch at the mouth of the river. At this time an extension of the grant is being sought and the work is now scheduled to start at the end of September of 2011.

Roland Halliday- Candidate for County Commissioner introduced himself

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Letter from Charter Communications regarding changes in service.
2. Letter from Judy Oslin. Motion to accept by Bill Robinson with a second by Jim Webber. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Harlan Reichle, Jim Webber, Anna Grobe. Nays; none. Absent; Pam Radabaugh.**

OUTGOING:

- 1.

New Business: 1. Adoption of millage rate for fire protection for 2011. Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Anna Grobe to adopt a millage rate to be levied of .2650 which will generate an amount of \$54,288.00 for the year 2011. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Harlan Reichle, Bill Robinson, Jim Webber, Anna Grobe. Nays; none. Absent; Pam Radabaugh**

Old Business: 1.

County updates: Mary Pitcher-County Commissioner-Benzie Bus is going to be doing the maintenance on the ambulances now which will be a cost savings. Two grants were received from the

Council of Governments for energy audits, which were done on the Government Center, the Jail and the Animal Control building. The total of the grants was \$80,000.00 and to date \$4,000.00 has been spent doing upgrades. The plan to renovate the annex is still planned with the possibility of an audio system also being installed. There is still a possibility of layoffs due to the budget. Commissioners will be meeting with employees/union reps. to discuss changes in the health care contributions. Question was asked why the annex renovation is needed. She stated that she voted against the plan. Question was asked about renting out parts of the building not in use to a business? She was unable to answer this and suggested interested parties speak with the other Commissioners.

Committee Reports:

Nancy Simmons, Zoning Administrator- Still getting inquiries regarding lot splits.

Public input and general discussion: Question was asked about the Township contacting Charter Communications about getting service to all residents of the Township. Also what is the status of the County wide broadband coverage? There will be coverage along US 31 corridor. The funds that were spent gave us the engineering plans that we may use in the future. Any further questions should be directed to Ann Damm at the County.

Payment of Township Accounts:

Approval of prepaid bills for the end of August. Motion by Anna Grobe with a second from Harlan Reichle to approve check #4400 thru check #4445 to pay the Township accounts in the amount of \$17,128.51. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Harlan Reichle, Jim Webber, Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson. Nays; none. Absent; Pam Radabaugh.**

Meeting adjourned: 7:35 pm
In Attendance: 10
Respectfully submitted

Anna Grobe, Clerk