

MONTHLY MEETING
August 4, 2011

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll Call: Jim Webber, Mary Pitcher, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson, Anna Grobe.

Minutes: of July 7, 2011. Approved with one correction; under additional agenda items; the last sentence should read "He was also asked about his not supporting "Pure Michigan" funding and he answered that he supported base funding but was no **in** support of cutting necessary programs to continue the funding." The word is was originally typed in place of the word in.

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

Payment of Township Accounts: Motion to approve Checks #4751 thru #4783, with ch. #4767 being void due to a printer error, for the purpose of paying Township accounts in the amount of \$19,874.59 made by Pam Radabaugh with a second by Jim Webber. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Anna Grobe, Mary Pitcher, Pam Radabaugh and Jim Webber. Nays; none.**

Additional Agenda items: Glen Eyrie Issue: Statement read by Beau Vallance. Statement read by Harvard Vallance. Request for all material by Mary Hoban-Township asks that the request be made in writing. Comment made by Brewster Wilcox. Comment made by Kathy Stocklen. Comment made by Tim Dennison. Township Attorney Richard Figura gave a brief history of the issue. He stated that when the ruling of the Zoning Board of Appeals was issued that the opposing parties had 30 days in which to file an appeal and that was not done. Therefore, the Township Board was bound by the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals and that of Judge Batzer and the court.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Newsletter from the Crystal Lake & Watershed Assoc.
2. Newsletter from the League of Women Voters.
3. Emails from H. Vallance regarding the Glen Eyrie issue.

4. Letter from Mary Vallance Franco regarding the Glen Eyrie issue. Copy was faxed to Richard Figura, Township Attorney.
5. Letter of thanks from the Friends of Point Betsie.
6. Letter from Charter-information on channel changes.
7. Email from Kathy Stocklen regarding Glen Eyrie issue. This was received right before the meeting and was given to B. Robinson.

OUTGOING:

1.

New Business:

1. Election results from the August 2, 2011 Special Election. Thank you to all the election inspectors who gave their time for this election. The results were 92 votes cast with 54 yes and 38 no.
2. MTA information. Township has been contacted about switching our worker's compensation coverage to a different carrier. More information will be needed before a decision is reached.

Old Business:

1. Bill spoke with Ann Bourne and the work on the boat launch at the end of Lake Michigan road is scheduled to begin about mid-September and last about 2 weeks. Bill was also contacted about the beach at Point Betsie Lighthouse was asked if the Township would like to consider taking over the area and making it into another park. There are several major issues there: trash, toilet facilities, late night parties, bon fires.

County updates: Roland Halliday, County Commissioner-Update on County Issues. Agrees with the problems being faced at the Point Betsie Lighthouse beach area. 3 finalists for County Administrator will be interviewed. This will be open to the public. The removal of phragmites is going ahead with a request to the public to identify areas that need to be treated. All departments in the County are being asked to trim from their budgets. MSU Extension office may ask for a millage to continue operations. Question was asked who was in charge of the County Equalization Dept... The duties are currently being divided among the staff and Tom Longanbach (former Director) is coming in on weekends to help out. Hopefully a new Director will be in place soon with a start date of October 1, 2011. Next County Household Hazardous Waste drop off will be on Saturday August 13 at the Road Commission in Honor.

Township Depts.: Final Township clean up day will be Saturday August 27 from 8am until noon. We are still looking for volunteers.

Public input and general discussion:

Meeting adjourned: 8:43pm

In Attendance: 30

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Grobe

Clerk