

MONTHLY MEETING
February 3, 2011

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

Minutes of January 6, 2011. Approved

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

Payment of Township Accounts: Motion by Pam Radabaugh with a second by Anna Grobe to approve checks # 4589 through #4609 for the purpose of paying the Township accounts in the amount of \$11,592.98. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Anna Grobe, and Pam Radabaugh. Nays; none. Absent; Harlan Reichle, Jim Webber.

Additional Agenda items: 1. Sheriff Rory Heckman. Gave an update on the Sheriff's Department. Crime rate and break ins are down from last year. There will be a golf outing on May 25 to benefit the canine unit. Current canine dog has about 2 years left and funds from the outing will go toward the purchase/training of a new dog. Snowmobile education classes are ongoing, no serious injury accidents have occurred so far this year. He also spoke of the change in the radio frequency that will be used by the NPS this year. There will be a 911 director position advertised this year. He also spoke of the changes in patrols due to the cuts that he had to make per the County Commissioners. There will be no vehicle replacements this year.

2. Susan Miller- Benzie Bus Authority. There will be a millage renewal request on the May ballot for .5 mills for a term 5 years. She gave a review of where the bus system is now...ridership, board members, building changes etc...

3. Jon Armstrong-Benzie Shores District Library. There is a proposed request to have a millage of .75 mills in perpetuity for the taxpayers in the Frankfort/Elberta School District. If the Township Board agrees to place the issue before the voters, taxpayers will have complimentary usage of the library until the vote has taken place. Decision by the Board was tabled until the March board meeting.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Newsletter from the Benzie Shores District Library.
2. Email from Beau Vallance regarding the boathouse issue and the fee for a new ZBA hearing.
3. Email from Roland Halliday with information about the resignation of 85th. District Judge Brent Danielson and the request for a .50 mills renewal for the Benzie Bus in addition to another request for a 0.1 mill.
4. Email from Eldon and Dorothy Miller supporting the proposed millage request for the Benzie Shores District Library that would affect the tax payers in the Frankfort/Elberta school district.
5. Email from Hardy Bedford regarding the boathouse issue. Read into the record.
6. Newsletter from the League of Women Voters
7. Letter from Charles and Christy Tull supporting the proposed millage for the Benzie Shores District Library.
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OUTGOING:

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New Business:

1. Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Pam Radabaugh to remove Larry Neuhardt from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Roll call vote; Ayes; Bill Robinson, Anna Grobe, Pam Radabaugh. Nays; None. Absent; Jim Webber and Harlan Reichle.
2. Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Pam Radabaugh to remove Harlan Reichle from the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Commission, but to serve as an alternate on both. Roll call vote; Ayes; Pam Radabaugh, Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson. Nays; None. Absent; Harlan Reichle and Jim Webber.
3. Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Anna Grobe to appoint Sally Casey to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the remainder of the term of Harlan Reichle. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson and Pam Radabaugh. Nays; none. Absent; Jim Webber and Harlan Reichle.

Old Business:

1. The Planning Commission will hold its final meeting in mid March and will hold its organizational meeting in April.

County updates:

Roland Halliday, County Commissioner-Presented the Board with the annual report for the Recycling Program. Also gave updates on issues facing the County.

Public input and general discussion:

Meeting adjourned: 8:38 pm

In Attendance: 12

Respectfully submitted

Anna Grobe, Clerk