

MONTHLY MEETING  
June 2, 2011

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

**The Pledge of Allegiance** was given.

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

**Minutes:** of May 5, 2011. Approved.

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

**Payment of Township Accounts:** Comment was made on the fact that we have the best percentage of payment of taxes in the County. Motion by Pam Radabaugh with a second by Jim Webber to approve checks # 4687 through #4721 for the purpose of paying the Township accounts in the amount of \$19,951.15. This includes checks for the Darcy Library of Beulah, Benzonia Library, Friends of Point Betsie and the Benzie Historical Society. Roll call vote: **Ayes; Jim Webber, Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson and Pam Radabaugh. Nays; none. Absent; Harlan Reichle**

**Additional Agenda items:** Thank you to Maryanne Goodman for the excellent job on the annual Township Newsletter.

Ray Franz and been invited and has accepted to attend the July 7, 2011 board meeting.

Comments were made on the recent bear sightings and ways to protect and prevent property damages. If a sighting does occur, residents are encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Dept., the DNR and the National Park Service and make a report.

Request for a permit for a fireworks display have been received and will be addressed under new business.

Contract for additional summer road patrols has been received

There will be an election on August 2 for the **residents in the Frankfort/Elberta School District only** for a millage request to join the Benzie Shores District Library in Frankfort.

Resident commented on ATVs that were going down Deadstream Rd over 2 different weekends. Call was made to the Sheriff's Dept. and he was told that unless it was witnessed

by a Deputy nothing can be done. Bill will be speaking with Sheriff Heckman and bring this situation up to him.

***Correspondence:***

**INCOMING:**

1. Letter from Mary Hoban apologizing for not notifying Bill and Nancy that an attorney would be present at a meeting with the group from Glen Eyrie back in November of 2009.
2. Annual letter from BSDL.
3. Consumers Energy-information about changes for bulbs for St. lighting. Bill spoke with them on this matter.
4. Information from the Army Corp. of Engineers about an upcoming forum.
5. Snowmobile report from the Sheriff's Dept.
6. Information on accessing census data.
7. Newsletter from the League of Women Voters.
8. Letter from Cummins Bridgeway of office relocation.
9. Handbook from "Miss Dig".
10. Contract for summer road patrols. The cost is \$45.00 per hour for a total of 192 hours for a total of \$8,700, with a start date of June 25 and will continue through September 5 or sooner depending on our needs. Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Pam Radabaugh. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none. Absent; Harlan Reichle.**

**OUTGOING:**

1. Letter sent to Tom & Kathy Stocklen congratulating them on the sale of Riverside Canoe Trips and their impending retirement.
2. Letter and invoice sent to the Benzie Bus System for costs in holding the millage renewal election in May.
3. Letter sent to Mary Hoban.

***New Business:***

1. Paul Olson-Municipal Underwriters Insurance- Called with apologizes for not being able to attend.
2. Gordon Kells, Board member of the Benzie Commission on Aging. Did not attend.
3. Resignation letter from Maryanne Goodman as Dep. Clerk.
4. Introduction and appointment of Maryanne Goodman as new Deputy Treasurer and Karen Stansberry as new Deputy Clerk.
5. Fireworks permit. Same company that held a display last year. We have all their insurance information. All local authorities have been notified. Bill will contact our insurance carrier to make sure that we have all the necessary paperwork. Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Anna Grobe. Roll call vote: **Ayes; Pam Radabaugh, Jim Webber, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none. Absent; Harlan Reichle.**

6. We had received a letter of resignation for Harlan Reichle due to serious health issues from his daughter. We were unable to accept the letter at the time because we did not have all the necessary documentation showing that she had Power of Attorney for Harlan's affairs. Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Pam Radabaugh to now accept the letter of resignation. Roll call vote: **Ayes; Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson, Pam Radabaugh and Jim Webber. Nays; none. Absent; Harlan Reichle.** We have several interested persons and will soon have a workshop to discuss/interview them to appoint someone to fulfill the term that ends in November of 2012. At that time anyone interested in the position would need to run for election.
7. A report from the surgeon for Anna Grobe that states that she should not be working until he releases her. Her next appointment is later in June.

***Old Business:***

1. Roadwork on Sutter Rd. The Road Commission would do the work at a rate of paying 25% and the Township paying 75%. Bill is looking into getting residents paying a portion. He will continue to work on this.

***County updates:***

Roland Halliday, County Commissioner-Update on County Issues.

***Township Depts.:***

Nancy Simmons, Zoning Administrator-Has issued some Land Use Permits but Most have been for additions, decks, etc. Not much new construction going on. Still getting calls about land splits.

***Public input and general discussion:*** Congratulations and Thank you to Jeanne Halanski and her fellow Garden Club members for their work on the Habitat for Humanity house on Deadstream Rd. as well as their work at the Township Hall and the Township Park. There will be some work needed at the park to shore up the barriers along the water shore where it has pulled away from the land. The original barriers were railroad ties and will have to be replaced but there were no funds budgeted this year for the work. We have been fortunate that we have received funds from the Olson Foundation and we may request help from them last year.

A question was asked about the boat launch at the end of Lake Michigan Road and to the best of our knowledge the project will proceed most likely the end of September.

A comment was made about the water level of Lake Michigan. It was mentioned that years ago, due to the water levels, many areas were included in flood plain areas, therefore needing flood insurance.

Clean up day will be Saturday June 18 from 8am- noon or until the 2 trucks are full.

We are still in need of attendants for the park. If there is anyone interested in serving on any boards or commissions please let us know.

Meeting adjourned: 7:50pm  
In Attendance: 8

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Grobe  
Clerk

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