

MONTHLY MEETING  
March 3, 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 February 3, 2011. Approved with one clarification. The reason for the reappointment on the Zoning Board of Appeals) Larry Neuhardt replaced by Sally Casey) was that we were informed that the ZBA should have a member of the Planning Commission. It was also brought to our attention that we cannot have an employee serve on that board and Larry is one of the Township Park attendants.

*Treasurer's Reports* for the 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; Bill Robinson, Pam Radabaugh, Jim Webber and Anna Grobe. Nays; none. Absent; Harlan Reichle.**

*Payment of Township Accounts:* Motion by Pam Radabaugh with a second by Anna Grobe to approve checks # 4610through #4628 for the purpose of paying the Township accounts in the amount of \$10,430.52. Check # 4524 is void. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson, Jim Webber and Pam Radabaugh. Nays; none. Absent; Harlan Reichle.

*Additional Agenda items:* 1.

*Correspondence:*

**INCOMING:**

1. Email from William Bedford requesting to be on the agenda in May or June. We are checking with the Township Attorney as to when he would be available to attend and then Mr. Bedford will be notified.
2. Newsletter from the Crystal Lake & Watershed Association.
3. Letter from William & Carol Bedford ( see item #1)
4. Signed contract from the Benzie County Sheriff's Office for our pledge for the Snowmobile Patrol for the year 2011
5. Letter from Charter about services and charges that are available to the Township Hall.
6. Fax FOIA request from William Bedford for a CD of the Zoning Ordinance along with any proposed changes. CD was sent along with copy of the proposed changes and a copy of the by-laws (from PC Chair Bob Blank) with an invoice for the postage and related charges.

7. Letter from the Benzie Community Water Council, Inc. informing us of an upcoming water festival which will run Friday March 18 thru Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>.
8. Letter of interest and resume from Mary Pitcher for the position of Township Trustee if it comes open.

**OUTGOING:**

1. See # 6 incoming correspondence.

***New Business:*** 1. Budget Adoption Meeting to be held on Thursday March 24, 2011 at 6:00 pm.

***Old Business:*** 1.

***County updates:*** Roland Halliday, County Commissioner-Comments were made regarding the article that was in the March 2, 2011 issue of the Benzie County Record Patriot about the Benzie Shores District Library and the proposed issue of placing a millage request for the taxpayers in the Frankfort/Elberta School District on a ballot in August. Letters were sent out with tax assessment notices informing those taxpayers of the issue. We requested that any comments to the issue be made in writing and forward to the Treasurer

The Point Betsie Lighthouse may try to “rent” the apartment to generate funds for. Continued improvements. The Friends of Point Betsie will continue to talk with the County on the plan. A question was asked about the County having to contribute to the Lighthouse. The County will give money to pay for expenses until such time that grant money is received and then the funds are reimbursed.

Roland explained his vote against the bond sales for improvements at the Maples. There is no “plan B” in place in the event that there are not sufficient funds available for the improvements scheduled.

The Grand Traverse Band gave \$4,500.00 to the Frankfort Fire Department to be used for ice and water rescue materials.

The Conservation District seedling sale is coming up. More information can be obtained at the District office in Beulah.

***Public input and general discussion:***

Meeting adjourned: 7:40 pm

In Attendance: 10

Respectfully submitted

Anna Grobe, Clerk