

MONTHLY MEETING
November 3, 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 October 6, 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; Mary Pitcher, Jim Webber, Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson and Pam Radabaugh. Nays; none.**

Payment of Township Accounts: Motion to approve Checks #4865 thru #48**, for the purpose of paying Township accounts in the amount of \$12,895.33 made by Pam Radabaugh with a second by Mary Pitcher. Check # 4864 is void. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Anna Grobe, Pam Radabaugh, Mary Pitcher and Jim Webber. Nays; none.**

Additional Agenda items: Reminder to vote on November 8 for school board members for Benzie Central and Frankfort/Elberta School Districts. Polls will be open from 7am-8pm. Thank you in advance to the Election Inspectors.

There will be a Grand Opening Ceremony at the Benzie Bus complex on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 3:00pm with an open house to follow from 3:30-6:30 pm.

A question was asked if the boat house issue is finished. We have not heard anything recently. There was a letter written to Nancy Simmons, Zoning Administrator questioning her interpretation of the ordinance and she and the Township attorney are addressing it.

Discussion was held on the recent County Commissioners meeting that was held on Tuesday November 1, 2011. Two resolutions were presented to the County Board regarding wind energy. No action was taken. It was suggested that the Township look at the Zoning Ordinance to make sure that we have a strong ordinance regarding wind energy. There will be a Planning Commission meeting held on Thursday November 17, at 6:30 and this will be discussed.

Roland Halliday was complimented on the job he is doing representing Lake Township at the County.

Correspondence:

INCOMING: 1. Letter from Charter regarding changes in the channel lineup.

2. Newsletter from the League of Women Voters.
3. Forwarded email from Mark Bischak regarding issues of development of an industrial wind complex.

OUTGOING:

1. None

New Business:

1. Adoption of Poverty Exemption Resolution and the application for a poverty exemption read by Clerk. Motion by Anna Grobe with a second by Bill Robinson to adopt the resolution and application as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Mary Pitcher, Jim Webber, Bill Robinson and Pam Radabaugh. Nays; none.
2. Alternate for the Planning Commission. Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Jim Webber to appoint Richard Jones to serve as an alternate on the Planning Commission. Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Anna Grobe, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Mary Pitcher.
3. Budget amendment. Motion by Pam Radabaugh with a second by Mary Pitcher to transfer \$1,000.00 from Fund 400, Planning Commission to Fund 528, Cleanup. This will result in a new total in Fund 400 Planning Commission of \$13,300.00 and Fund 528 Cleanup of \$9,000.00. Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe.

Old Business: 1. None.

County updates: Roland Halliday, County Commissioner-Update on County Issues. Boat launch at the end of Lake Michigan Rd. is completed. Not all fishermen feel that the new launch will work. Boat launch on Crystal Lake is almost finished. The DNR will plow the parking lot there but not the road to the lot. Tom Longanbach will be returning at Equalization Director at the County Bill Sholten has resigned at Under Sheriff as of October 28. There is an acting Under Sheriff David, (?) Tucker. The Governor has presented a plan to have Counties take over Road Commissions. This is still under discussion. There are also discussions on changing the rate charged to register vehicles and the tax on gasoline to generate more funds for road improvements.

Township Depts.: Nancy Simmons, Zoning Administrator reported that the same number of Land Use Permits have been issued at this time as last year.

Carol Merrill, Assessor has been busy working on tribunals.

Mary Pitcher, Trustee met with Michael Stansberry and then Under Sheriff Bill Sholten about the radio for the Park Attendants. The consensus was that we keep our current radio for emergencies. The National Park Service is in considering a booster for cell phone use which would allow attendants and visitors to get better service. T

Public input and general discussion:

Meeting adjourned: 8:01pm

In Attendance: 9

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Grobe, Clerk

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