

MONTHLY MEETING
April 5, 2012

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 March. 1, 2012.

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, Jim Webber, Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson and Pam Radabaugh. Nays; none.** Pam also reported that we had the best collection of taxes in the County again this past year.

Payment of Township Accounts: Motion to approve Checks #5006 thru #5033, for the purpose of paying Township accounts in the amount of \$13,564.80. Motion by Pam Radabaugh with a second by Jim Webber. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Mary Pitcher, Anna Grobe, Jim Webber and Pam Radabaugh. Nays; none**

Additional Agenda items: Paperwork is available from the Clerk for anyone wishing to seek any Township Board offices. We also received a newsletter from the Benzie Shores District Library for incoming correspondence.

Public Comment:

Guests: John Daugherty introduced himself as a candidate for the Probate Judge position
Blair Moss introduced himself as a candidate for the Benzie County Sheriff. He also mentioned that Keith Redder, currently with the Frankfort Police force.
County Commissioner Tom Kelley is here in place of Roland Halliday this month.

Correspondence:

- INCOMING:**
1. Letter from Consumers Energy-information on energy efficiency program for commercial customers.
 2. Letter from Charter- information only.
 3. Public notice from the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians-information only.
 4. Newsletter from the League of Women Voters.

5. Letter of resignation from Ron Brown from the Planning Commission.

OUTGOING: 1. Form sent to the State requesting reimbursement for the costs of conducting the February 28 Presidential Primary.
2. Letter and invoice sent to the Superintendent of the Benzie Central Schools for their share of the costs associated with the February 28 election. Reimbursement has been received.

New Business:

1. Report from the Planning Commission on activities of FY 2012.
2. Approval of the minutes of the Budget Adoption meeting of March 29, 2012, with one correction: Mary Pitcher's name was miss-spelled. Motion by Anna with a second by Bill Robinson. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Pam Radabaugh, Mary Pitcher, Jim Webber and Anna Grobe. Nays; None.
3. Agreement for summer tax collection with the Frankfort-Elberta School District. The per parcel amount that the Township will receive is \$4.25. Motion by Pam Radabaugh with a second by Mary Pitcher. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson, Jim Webber and Mary Pitcher. Nays; None.
4. Agreement for summer tax collection with the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District. Motion by Pam Radabaugh with a second by Jim Webber. Roll call vote: Ayes; Mary Pitcher, Jim Webber, Bill Robinson, Anna Grobe and Pam Radabaugh.
5. Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday May 1, 2012 on the County "Resolution of Intent to create and provide for the operation of a Brownfield Re-development Authority". Sites that would be looked at are junk yards etc.... Grant money would be applied for funds to do any clean ups. An Authority would give a better opportunity to seek funds from the EPA and other Federal departments. Sites would be assessed and once qualified the funds would be applied for. A question was asked about the gun range on M-22? That is on Federal property and they would be responsible for any clean up. Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Mary Pitcher to sign and forward to the County. Roll call vote: Ayes; Pam Radabaugh, Anna Grobe, Mary Pitcher, Jim Webber, Bill Robinson.
6. Appointment of Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission members.
Motion to appoint Richard Jones to the Planning Commission for a term of 3 years (term to expire in 2015) by Bill Robinson with a second by Mary Pitcher. Roll call vote: Ayes; Mary Pitcher, Anna Grobe, Pam Radabaugh, Jim Webber and Bill Robinson. Nays; None.
Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Anna Grobe to appoint Lynn Walker to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of 3 years (term to expire in 2015). Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Anna Grobe, Mary Pitcher, Pam Radabaugh and Bill Robinson. Nays; None.

Old Business: 1. None.

Public Comment:

County updates: Roland Halliday, County Commissioner, absent. County Commissioner Tom Kelley attended in his place. Tom gave a written report to the Board. He also mentioned that there will be meetings held on Tuesday April 17 at 5pm and on Wednesday April 18 at 10am to discuss what is needed for seniors in the County. He also explained the difference between the Commission on Aging (which is made up of County Commissioners) and the Council on Aging which contracts with the County to provide services. The current contract is for 6 years and will expire in December of 2012.

Township Depts.: Planning Commission-There will be an organizational meeting held on Thursday April 19 at 6:30pm at the Township. In addition to the election of officers there will be further discussion on changes to the Zoning Ordinance.

Zoning Administrator-Absent

Assessor: Board of Review went well. There were 22 petitions filed with 5 from last year. Carol will be getting out doing measurements as soon as weather permits.

Public input and general discussion: Bill mentioned that it was brought to the Boards attention that an email was sent to the residents of the Glen Eyrie area from Harvard Vallance. The email stated that there was to be discussion and a vote on the suggested changes that were presented to the Planning Commission. There has been no information presented to the Board and no action was taken. There will be a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on Tuesday April 17 at 6:30 pm at the Township Hall.

Tom Kelley commented on fond memories and would like to see the Sheriff's Department re-start the Neighborhood Watch and Crime Stoppers programs. He stated that this was a good program with a good group of people participating.

There is a problem that is occurring with after dark light issues that was mentioned. This issue will be under discussion at the up-coming Planning Commission meeting. The Zoning Administrator was looking into this issue as well.

There will be a "Clean out your files" free shredding day on Wednesday April 18 from 10am – 2pm at the Benzie Resource Center, M-115. Please limit the amount brought in to 3 boxes or bags. There will be a free electronics collections held on Saturday April 21 at the Betsie Valley Elementary School from 10am-2pm.

Meeting adjourned: 7:46pm

In Attendance: 15

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Grobe, Clerk