

MONTHLY MEETING  
December 6, 2012

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

**The Pledge of Allegiance** was given.

**Welcome** to new Board Members.

**Roll Call:** Richard Jones, Marshall Morris (absent), Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe.

**Moment** of silence in remembrance of Marshall Morris.

**Minutes:** of November 1, 2012 approved.

**Treasurer's Reports:** General Fund, Fire Fund and Park Fund were presented by Maryanne Goodman. **Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Rick Jones to approve the reports as read. Roll call vote: Ayes: Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson, Maryanne Goodman and Rick Jones. Nays; none**

**Payment of Township Accounts: Pre-approved checks #5306, 5307, 5308 and 5309 (\$229.86) and Fire Fund check #1177 and 1178 (\$156.95) for payment of electric and natural gas bills were paid in November. Additionally check # 674 (\$795.42) for postage for winter tax bills.** Motion to approve Checks #5310 thru #5356 purpose of paying Township accounts in the amount of \$15,820.05. **Motion made by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Anna Grobe to approve the payment of Township accounts. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Anna Grobe, Rick Jones and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; none.**

**Additional Agenda items:** 1. Under new business: Swear in Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer.

**Public Comment:**

**Guests:**

**Correspondence:**

**INCOMING:**

1. Letter from the Benzie Shores District Library.
2. Thank you note from John Daugherty for providing him with the list of voters who had requested absentee ballots for the November 6, election.

3. Resolution from the Frankfort-Elberta Area Schools for the annual summer tax collection.
4. Newsletter from the Friends of Point Betsie Lighthouse.
5. Newsletter from Charter.
6. Letter of interest from James Dodge for the open Trustee position.
7. Email from Pam Radabaugh stating interest for the open Trustee position.

**OUTGOING:**

1. Letter sent to the Central State Bank confirming Maryanne Goodman as the duly elected Treasurer for the Township.

***New Business:***

1. Resolution for poverty exemption guidelines and asset test, read by Anna Grobe. Motion to adopt the resolution as read by Anna Grobe with a second by Maryanne Goodman. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Rick Jones, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.

2. Appointment of the Board of Review. Motion by Bill Robinson with a Second by Anna Grobe to appoint the following as Board of Review members whose terms will expire December 2014.

Thomas Harrett  
Nancy Simmons  
Pam Wehmeyer  
Lynn Walker-Alternate

Roll call vote: Ayes; Rick Jones, Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman and Bill Robinson. Nays; none.

3. Swearing in of Karen Stansberry as Deputy Clerk and Jean Neuhardt as Deputy Treasurer.

***Old Business:***

1. None.

***County updates:***

Roland Halliday gave a report on the County business. Mike Fiebing, Recycling Coordinator gave a brief report on the program. There will be a Christmas tree drop off at Smitty's Tree Service on US 31 across from the Shell station. Styro foam drop off will be on Saturday December 15. He was able to find a less expensive program for battery disposal. He will have more information on the schedule for hazardous waste drop offs at a later date. Contact information remains the same. There are openings for the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. The Committee meets quarterly. Letters of interest should be sent to the County Clerk

***Township Depts.:***

Zoning Administrator- Richard Krupp has been looking at revisions of the Land Use Permits. He is also looking at revising the current fee schedule. Currently the fees are based on a fixed square footage basis. Due to the size of homes being built he believes that a sliding scale would be a better way to handle fees.

Assessor- Carol has been out doing field work on new construction. The Board of Review will meet on Tuesday Dec. 11 at 10:00 to correct mistakes. This is not the appeals process. Values in the Township should be remaining the same.

Planning Commission-Possible meeting to be held in March. Meetings will then be held quarterly. Still looking for member and an alternate. Would like to see the Zoning Ordinance and Land Use Permit on the website. Both are currently available on the website.

**Public Comment:** Bill went to Point Betsie Lighthouse and there are currently cedar posts showing property lines. He would like to recommend to the County Parks and Rec. Committee that they consider painting/white-washing them so that they blend in with the buildings.

Meeting adjourned: 7:50 pm  
In Attendance: 13

Respectfully submitted,  
Anna Grobe, Clerk

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