

MONTHLY MEETING
January 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 12/1/2011. Approved, with one correction. Under New Business item #4- the second to the motion for the budget amendment was made by Mary Pitcher.

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; Jim Webber, Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson, Pam Radabaugh and Mary Pitcher. Nays; none.**

Payment of Township Accounts: Motion to approve Checks #4927 thru #4950, for the purpose of paying Township accounts in the amount of \$11,796.99 and Fire Fund Check #1114 in the amount of \$28,552.14 for the second half of our protection contract and 1st. Responders contract was made by Pam Radabaugh with a second by Jim Webber. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson, Pam Radabaugh, Mary Pitcher and Jim Webber. Nays; none.**

Additional Agenda items: Under New Business: Maintenance agreement for generator. Harvard Vallance would like to address the board regarding changes/updates/revisions to the Zoning Ordinance.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Charter-information only.
2. Synopsis of meeting from Roland Halliday.
3. Notices from the Benzie County Road Commission with proposed projects for 2012 and a date for a public commentary for a countywide planning meeting to be held on Tuesday January 10, 2012 at 9:00am at the Road Commission office.
4. Request from the Sheriff's Office for assistance in funding the Snowmobile Safety Program for the County. Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Mary Pitcher to offer \$150.00 for the County Snowmobile Safety Program. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Pam Radabaugh, Mary Pitcher, Jim Webber, Anna Grobe and Bill Robinson. Nays; none.** A letter will be sent to the Sheriff and a check will be sent upon approval at the February meeting.

5. Draft Resolution from the County on "Support of Clean Renewable Energy". - Information only.
6. Booklet from Consumers Energy for Gas Pipeline Safety.

OUTGOING:

1. Request for Reimbursement for the School Board Election that was Held on November 8, 2011 for the Benzie County Central and Frankfort Elberta Area School Districts. Payment has been received.
2. Letter sent to Kyle Orr/Riverside Canoes with a list of donation that Were received in 2011. The "donation/match" has been received and a letter of Thanks will be sent by the Treasurer.

New Business:

1. Approval notice request from the MI Liquor Control Commission for the transfer on an on-premises license. Tabled until more information can be obtained.
2. Request for approval for the Clerk and Deputy Clerk to attend NMC Classes for the Intro to QuickBooks. QuickBooks is now being used for payroll and the payment of bills for the Township. Neither the Clerk nor Deputy is familiar with this program. This request is rescinded and another request is made to have someone for Mary Weishar, CPA of Beulah conduct a class for both the Clerk and Treasurer. Motion by Mary Pitcher with a second by Jim Webber to approve the request for training in QuickBooks to be held by Mary Weishar, CPA for the Clerk and Treasurer's offices.

Roll call vote: Ayes; Pam Radabaugh, Mary Pitcher, Jim Webber, Anna Grobe and Bill Robinson. Nays; none

3. Library Resolution. All members of the Library Board for the Benzie Shores District Library must approve the resolution to have Gilmore Township joining the library on May ballot. Questions were raised as to the ballot language. Tabled until further review.

4. Maintenance agreement for the generator. In the past we have contracted Bridgeway Power for the maintenance on the generator. Glen Lake Electric gave us a lower price for a 1 year agreement with the same basic maintenance that had been offered by Bridgeway at a much more reasonable cost. Motion by Bill Robinson with as second by Anna Grobe to contract with Glen Lake Electric for 1 year for maintenance on the generator. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Mary Pitcher, Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none**

Old Business:

1. None.

Public Comment: Harvard Vallance presented the board with 3 suggestion/changes/revisions to the Zoning Ordinance. The Board will forward these on to the Planning Commission for review.

County updates:

Roland Halliday, County Commissioner-Update on County Issues. A copy of the schedule meetings of the Board of Commissioners is available (see Clerk if you would like a copy). The Point Betsie Lighthouse is looking for someone to run the gift shop; contact Jon Hawley. The Road Commission has been busy clearing brush and making small road repairs. The cost savings of not having to plow is quite a bit. The Solid Waste Advisory Committee has vacancies; contact Marlene Zylstra 882-0554. Currently Mary Pitcher and Jane Schultz are on the committee.

Township Depts.: Planning Commission will be meeting on Thursday March 8, 2012 at 6:30. Some of the items to be discussed are accessory buildings with living quarters, having a 5th wheel trailer on a property under construction, medical marijuana and the items presented to the Board by Harvard Vallance.

Assessor: Field work has been completed on new construction. Rates for Residential and Agricultural properties will remain close to what they have been. Still waiting on the rate for commercial property.

Public input and general discussion:

Meeting adjourned: 7:50pm

In Attendance: 5

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Grobe, Clerk