

MONTHLY MEETING
July 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 (Absent), Pam Radabaugh, Bill Robinson, Anna Grobe.

Minutes: of June 7, 2012 approved.

Treasurer's Reports: General Fund, Fire Fund and Park Fund were presented by Pam Radabaugh. Motion made by Jim Webber with a second by Anna Grobe to accept the reports. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson, Pam Radabaugh, Jim Webber. Nays; None. Absent; Mary Pitcher.**

Payment of Township Accounts: Pre-approved checks #5117 of \$470.47 and Fire Fund Checks #1163 in the amount of \$60.30 were paid in June. Motion to approve Checks #5118 thru #5155 purpose of paying Township accounts in the amount of \$14,009.72 and Fire Fund Check #1164 in the amount of \$21.93. Check # 5138 is void. **Motion made by Pam Radabaugh with a second by Bill Robinson. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Pam Radabaugh, Jim Webber and Anna Grobe. Nays; none. Absent; Mary Pitcher.**

Additional Agenda items:

Clean up day will be August 25. Time is 8:00am until noon or until 2 trucks are full. Volunteers are always welcome to help with the un-loading of materials.

Public Comment:

Guests: John Morse, candidate for the Benzie County Treasurer position introduced himself.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Grand Vision update.
2. Newsletter from the Benzie Shores District Library.
3. Newsletter from the Benzie Area Historical Society.
4. Proposed amended 9-1-1 service plan from the County.
5. Thank you and signed agreement for services from the Benzie Area Historical Society.

OUTGOING:

1. Thank you letters sent to administrators of the Olsen Foundation for their recent grant of \$2,000.00 for the work on the retaining wall at the Township Park.

New Business: 1. Audit was completed on June 21, 2012.
2. Minutes of the Election Committee held on July 3, 2012 read.
3. Township park has been very busy and things are going very well. Question was asked about when the attendants are there....from 8am until 8 pm

Old Business: 1. None.

County updates: Roland Halliday gave a report on the County business. Platte Township had some issues with the brine application from the Road Commission. We should let the Road Commission know if any problems have been reported. Chris Olson, County Administrator will be holding a health care summit on July 12; contact him for more information. Taxable values look like they will continue to go down, County budget remains tight. Kay Bond, Commission on Aging says things are running smoother. There is an issue with the cooler/freezer at the Gathering Place. Register of Deeds will soon be scanning all records and going digital. Cost for project will be \$75,295 with the funds coming from the Register of Deeds budget. League of Women Voters will be holding a forum for the candidates for the Sheriff's position on July 9 and for the Prosecutors position on July 11. We may be approached about the "Heritage Trail" from Empire coming this way. Talks are in the early stages and Patty O'Donnell NWMCOG is the contact for more information.

Township Depts.: Nancy Simmons, Zoning Administrator- absent.
Carol Merrill- still waiting for the County to send her the figures for agricultural and commercial property.
Planning Commission- There will be a meeting held on Thursday July 11 at 6:30pm. Under discussion will be the night sky issue.

Public Comment:

Meeting adjourned: 7:25 pm
In Attendance: 9

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Grobe, Clerk