

MONTHLY MEETING
May 3, 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 April 5, 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 Mary Pitcher 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 #5034 thru #5073 purpose of paying Township accounts in the amount of \$14,553.60. Also checks \$135.00 for the permit for the replacement of the retaining wall at the park and a transfer of \$10,000.00 from the General Fund to the Park Fund for the work on the retaining wall. Motion made by Pam Radabaugh with a second by Mary Pitcher. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Jim Webber, Pam Radabaugh, Mary Pitcher and Anna Grobe. Nays; none**

Additional Agenda items: Paperwork is available from the Clerk for anyone wishing to seek any Township Board offices. The deadline for filing is May 15, 2012 at 4:00pm.

Clean up days will be June 16 and August 25. Time for both days 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: Paul Olsen to discuss the insurance coverage for the Township. There is additional coverage this year for flood damage as well as earthquake damage for the Township property. There is also a "blanket bond" for all employees in addition to the bond for the Supervisor, Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Clerk and Deputy Clerk. They are implementing a risk retention grant program that, if needed, we may apply for. There will also be a dividend program that will start in July of 2014.

Monica Schultz with the Lakes to Land Initiative spoke on the program and upcoming meetings. The main goal of the group is the cross-community collaboration in developing master plans for communities, identify collaborative opportunities between communities. As well as identifying community strategies dealing with two or more communities and roles and responsibilities for

implementing the plan. Meetings take place the second Wednesday of each month at 1-3 pm at the Pleasanton Valley Community Center, Arcadia.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Letter from Adrian DenHaan.
2. Letter from John B. Daugherty.
3. Newsletter from the Benzie Area Historical Society.

OUTGOING:

1. Letter sent to Ron Brown thanking him for his years of service as a member of the Planning Commission.
2. Letter sent to Curtis Main about a downed tree that is blocking the Platte River. This situation has been resolved.

New Business:

1. Contracts for fire protection and for 1st. Responders.
 - A. Motion made by Anna Grobe with a second by Bill Robinson to approve the 1st. Responders contract at a cost of \$11,417.14 to be paid in two installments. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Pam Radabaugh, Mary Pitcher, Jim Webber and Anna Grobe. Nays; none**
 - B. Motion made by Bill Robinson with a second by Jim Webber to approve the fire contract with the Frankfort Fire Department at a cost of \$50,302.66 to be paid in two installments. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Pam Radabaugh, Mary Pitcher, Jim Webber, Anna Grobe and Bill Robinson. Nays; none.** It was asked who the Township representative is on the Fire Board? Bill Robinson and Marshall Morris. Bill commented that he made a statement that the Township would contribute \$50,000.00 or \$60,000.00 toward the purchase of a new brush truck. More information will be forthcoming before any firm decision is made on contributing any funds.
2. Contract with the Benzie County Road Commission for the brining of selected roads in the Township. Motion made by Anna Grobe with a second by Pam Radabaugh to approve the contact at a cost of \$965.25 to be paid in two installments. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson, Pam Radabaugh, Mary Pitcher and Jim Webber. Nays; none**

Old Business:

1. Court of Appeals on the decision for the Rogers boathouse issue. The court has decided with the Rogers.

Public Comment:

Bill stated that he has spoken with Sheriff Heckman and we will again have Deputy John for our summer road patrols. He will be patrolling Memorial Weekend and Start regular road patrols mid-June. A contract will be coming from the Sheriff's

Department. Bill also said that we have our Soil Erosion Permit and are only waiting for the permit from the DEQ. Work will then begin on the retaining wall.

County updates: Roland Halliday gave a report on the County business.

Township Depts.: Nancy Simmons, Zoning Administrator- There have been a few Land Use Permits coming in. She is going to be working on some clarifications on the current Land Use Permit

Carol Merrill, Assessor- She hopes to be out in the field to look at new sales as soon as the weather permits.

Planning Commission- There will be a meeting held on May 24 at 6:30pm at the Township Hall. Sally Casey and Mary Pitcher are working on the night sky/lighting issue.

Public input and general discussion: The newsletter should be ready for mailing around the middle of May.

A question was asked about where to dispose of garlic mustard?
It was suggested that individuals contact the May Farm.

The Friends of the National Lakeshore has a grant for the “booster” antenna at the end of Lake Michigan Road/Platte River mouth. The Township will look into getting 2 phones for park attendants to use if contact needs to be made with the Platte River Campground Ranger Station for any issues that may come up in the National Lakeshore lots.

Meeting adjourned: 7:56 pm

In Attendance: 10

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Grobe, Clerk