

MONTHLY MEETING
October 4, 2012

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll Call: Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson, Pam Radabaugh, Mary Pitcher (absent), Jim Webber.

Minutes: of September 6, 2012 approved with one correction; under outgoing correspondence item #1 should have read "Letter sent **in** response to FOIA request." Mary Pitcher arrives at 7:03.

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

Payment of Township Accounts: Pre-approved check #5241(\$125.31) and Fire Fund check #1172 (\$59.61) and Park Fund check #1056 (\$154.83) for payment of electric bills were paid in September. Motion to approve Checks #5242 thru #5275 purpose of paying Township accounts in the amount of \$18,657.10 and Fire Fund checks # 1173 & 1174 in the amount of \$78.74. **Motion made by Pam Radabaugh with a second by Jim Webber to approve the Treasurer's reports and the payment of Township accounts. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Pam Radabaugh, Mary Pitcher, Jim Webber and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.**

Additional Agenda items: 1. Incoming Correspondence; two new items.

Public Comment:

Guests: Steve Haugen introduced himself and his new business as a building inspection firm. He gave the board some information and will be available to answer any questions.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Notice of a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the administrative rules of the Dept. of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs-Bureau of Construction Codes.
2. Email notice of changes at the County Building Department.

3. Letter from William and Carol Bedford in support of the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance and Land Use Permit
4. Grand Vision meeting dates.
5. Email from the Michigan Center for Local, State and Urban Policy
6. Newsletter from the League of Women Voters.
7. Newsletter from the Benzie Historical Society.
8. Letter from Consumers Energy regarding the budget plan.
9. Letter from Judy Brower regarding the proposed changes in the ordinance on lighting.
10. Email from B. Hardy Bedford supporting the proposed changes in the Zoning Ordinance and Land Use Permit.
11. Letter of resignation from the Board of Review from Marshall E. Morris.

OUTGOING:

1. Letters sent to 2 voters requesting better identification for AV ballot requests.

New Business:

1. Reminder of the hours for obtaining Absent Voter applications and/or ballots for the November 6 General Election.
2. Election Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 10, 102 at 11:30 am to discuss and appoint inspectors for the upcoming November election. Due to changes from the State Bureau of Elections there must be a receiving board appointed to observe and review the closing procedures of the polls. Motion by Anna Grobe with a second by Pam Radabaugh to appoint Judy Oslin (Dem.) and Hallie Christian (Rep.) to the positions of receiving board for the November 6, 2012 General Election. Roll call vote: Ayes; Pam Radabaugh, Mary Pitcher, Jim Webber, Anna Grobe and Bill Robinson. Nays: none.
3. Jack Rogers- Had several questions for the Board, Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator regarding the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance and Land Use Permit.
4. Harvard Vallance addressed the Board and audience regarding the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance and Land Use Permit.

Old Business:

1. Discussion on the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance and Land Use Permit. Several issues were brought up regarding the language in the Lighting Ordinance. Upon agreement for changes of language in the Lighting Ordinance in General Provisions item C-removal of the part of the last sentence "and will be turned off at 11:00 PM" and item I-removal of the sentence "Existing outdoor lighting is not grandfathered" a motion was made by Mary Pitcher with a second by Jim Webber to approve the proposed changes to the Lighting Ordinance. Roll call vote: Ayes; Mary Pitcher, Jim Webber, Anna Grobe (approve with changes), Pam Radabaugh (approve with changes). Nays; Bill Robinson.

Further discussion was held on the proposed changes to the Land Use Permit Requirements and Accessory Building as a Dwelling. These items have been tabled and the Board will meet to discuss them.

County updates: Roland Halliday gave a report on the County business. New Recycling Coordinator is Mike Febring. Contact information will remain the same. Benzie County Road Commission is aware of the condition of Deadstream Rd. and Sutter Rd. Bill Robinson has a photo of how Deadstream Rd. may look with changes. There have been discussions on the possibility of Townships having a road millage to help in the repair of local roads.

Township Depts.: Zoning Administrator- Richard Krupp He has been busy with Land Use Permits.
Assessor-Doing some field work on new construction.
Planning Commission- Discussed under Old Business.

Public Comment: Christine G. Convissor introduced herself as a candidate for the County Commissioner District 2 position.
Bill Robinson reported that the Supreme Court had turned down hearing the appeals Case that was from the “boathouse” issue.

Meeting adjourned: 8:35 pm
In Attendance: 14

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Grobe, Clerk