

MONTHLY MEETING
December 5, 2013

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll Call: Rick Jones, Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe.

Minutes: of November 7 2013. Approved with one correction: Spelling of Sean DuPerron was incorrect.

Financial Reports: General Fund and Fire Fund. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Sally Casey to approve the reports. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson, Maryanne Goodman and Rick Jones. Nays; none.**

Payment of Township Accounts: Motion to approve General Fund Checks #5744 thru #5769 for the purpose of paying Township accounts in the amount of \$12,163.37. (This includes the EFT payment for Federal withholding and FICA and Ck. # 687 for postage for the mailing of the winter tax bills). Also Fire Fund Checks #1208 thru # 1209 for the purpose of paying bills in the amount of \$160.80. **Motion made by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Rick Jones to approve the payment of Township accounts. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Anna Grobe, Sally Casey, Rick Jones and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; none.**

Additional Agenda items:

Public comment: None

Guests: Nathan Olds, Colonial Life spoke to the Board about different insurance coverage that may be available to employees.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Letter from the Benzie County Sheriff's Dept. asking for a contribution for the Snowmobile Safety Program. **Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Rick Jones to pledge to contribute \$150.00 to the County Snowmobile Safety Program. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson, Maryanne Goodman, Rick Jones and Sally Casey. Nays; none.**
2. Newsletter from the Friends of Point Betsie Lighthouse.

3. Newsletter from the Benzie County Council on Aging.

OUTGOING:

1.

New Business: 1. Amendment of adoption of the employees exempt from the pension plan as listed by the company and read by the Clerk. **Motion by Anna Grobe with a second by Maryanne Goodman to approve the amendment. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Sally Casey, Anna Grobe, Rick Jones and Bill Robinson. Nays; none.**

2. Letter of a rate increase from Richard J. Figura, our attorney. **Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Sally Casey to approve the rate increase to \$135/hour for legal fees. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bill Robinson, Rick Jones, Maryanne Goodman, Sally Casey and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.**

3. Resolution of adoption of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, Asset Test and Poverty Exemption Application. **Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Maryanne Goodman to adopt the Federal Poverty Guidelines, the Asset Test at \$2,000.00 and the Poverty Exemption Application. Roll call vote; Ayes: Sally Casey, Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson, Rick Jones and Maryanne Goodman. Nays: none.**

Old Business:

1. Fireworks Ordinance. Due to an error in the copy of the ordinance that was sent for publication Section 4 item c was not included. **Motion by Sally Casey with a second by Rick Jones to re-adopt the ordinance in its entirety and re publish in the next available issue of the Benzie County Record Patriot. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson, Sally Casey, Rick Jones and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.**

County updates:

Vance Bates, County Commissioner-Gave an update on the County

Township Depts.:

Planning Commission- Next regular scheduled meeting will be March 13, 2014. Commission is still doing research on the medical marijuana issue.

Zoning Administrator- Current number of Land Use Permits issued is at 40. Dick has been in contact with Sean DuPerron on the proposed trail project. We hope to get more information from Sean in the future.

Assessor- CPI for the coming year has been set at 1.6%. Board of Review will be meeting on Tuesday December 10. Currently Carol is going out, weather permitting, and measuring new construction.

Public input and general discussion:

Meeting adjourned: 7:55

In Attendance: 7

Anna Grobe, Clerk