

MONTHLY MEETING
February 7, 2013

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

Minutes: of January 3, 2013-approved.

Treasurer's Reports: General Fund, Fire Fund and Park Fund. Tabled until March meeting. At the request of the Treasurer the reports will be called "Financial Reports"

Payment of Township Accounts: Pre-approved checks #5388 (MTA BOR training and book \$268.50), 5389, 5390 and 5391 (\$ 374.54) were paid in January and Fire Fund checks #1181, 1182, 1183 and 1184 (\$ 31,290.74) for payment of electric, natural gas, snowplowing and the second half of the contracts were paid. Motion to approve Checks #5392 thru #5411 purpose of paying Township accounts in the amount of \$10,196.14. This includes the EFT payment of \$1,644.34 for Federal withholding and FICA **Motion made by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Rick Jones to approve the payment of Township accounts. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson, Maryanne Goodman, Rick Jones and Sally Casey. Nays; none.**

Additional Agenda items: Correction to the list of meetings for 2013. The August meeting will be held on August 1, **not August 8.** There will be a Budget Workshop meeting on Tuesday February 12 at 10:30 am. This is open to the public.

Public comment:

Guests: Terry Money, Tom Ulrich, NPS. Presented information on what would be needed from the Township to have M-22 declared a State Heritage Route. A resolution would be needed to proceed with this. In doing this it would be easier to request grant monies. The ultimate goal is to have the trail route that is currently in a portion of Leelanau County/Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore extend through Benzie County; possibly to Pt. Betsie.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Information from Charter; bundling, charges, switching of telephone provider and changes in channel availability.

2. Information from the Department of Natural Resources about grant application workshops: MI Natural Resources Trust Fund, Land & Water Conservation Fund and Recreation Passport Grants.

3. Note from Michele Robinson, MSU Extension office about a free program to be held on Monday February 4 from 6:30-8:30 on the record low lake levels. Program will be at the GT County Civic Center in Traverse City.

4. Letter of resignation from the Planning Commission received from Sally Casey.

5. Email from Susan Howell re: CALL 211. Currently the United Way of Northwest Michigan has taken primary responsibility for the fund development of the program for Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau counties. The public comment period has passed.

6. Notice from the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs on a public hearing on proposed fee schedule modifications to the electrical, mechanical, plumbing and building permits, plan review and pre-manufactured unit and miscellaneous fee schedule that is scheduled for Wednesday February 13, 2013 at 9:30 am in Okemos, MI.

7. Schedule of the County Board of Commissioner regular meetings. Copies on the back table.

8. Letter from the Benzie County Sheriff regarding the snowmobile program. Rick Jones, Maryanne **Motion by Bill Robinson with a second from Anna Grobe to pledge \$200.00 to the program. Roll call vote: Ayes; Goodman, Sally Casey, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.** A letter will be sent to the Sheriff's Dept. informing them of the decision and requesting a contract prior to any funds being submitted.

9. Update from the Grand Vision.

10. Letter of resignation from Leon Marciniak as an alternate on the Planning Commission. Accepted with regrets.

OUTGOING:

1. None

New Business: 1. Resolutions for change in the salaries of the Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and Trustees. No salary changes have been made since 2007; at that time the Supervisor and Clerk salaries were increased to match the Treasurer salary.

Resolution 2013-01 establishes the annual salary of the Clerk at \$22,225.00. Motion by Sally Casey with a second by Maryanne Goodman. Roll call vote; Ayes: all. Nays: none.

Resolution 2013-02 establishes the annual salary of the Supervisor at \$22,225.00. Motion by Sally Casey with a second by Rick Jones. Roll call vote; Ayes: all. Nays: none.

Resolution 2013-03 establishes the annual salary of the Treasurer at \$22,225.00. Motion by Anna Grobe with a second by Sally Casey. Roll call vote; Ayes: all. Nays: none.

Resolution 2013-04 establishes the annual salary of the Trustee at \$2,225.40. Motion by Anna Grobe with a second by Maryanne Goodman. Roll call vote; Ayes: all. Nays: none.

2. Information regarding deposits at the Honor State Bank. More information is needed.

3. Proposed revisions in the fee schedule for Planning and Zoning. Tabled until budget adoption meeting.

Old Business: 1. None.

Public Comment: 1. None.

County updates: Vance Bates, County Commissioner-Update on County Issues.

Township Depts.:

Zoning Administrator- Mentioned the reasons behind the changes in the fee schedule. ZBA meeting to be held on Wednesday February 20, at 6:30pm.

Planning Commission- Meeting possibly to be held in March. Possible revisions to the Land Use Permit may be discussed at this meeting. Asks that the Board to consider wages at the budget workshop for PC and ZBA members, requests that a new recorder also be considered.

Assessor- Finally got figures from County Equalization. Almost done with changes for notices.

Public input and general discussion:

Meeting adjourned: 8:35pm

In Attendance: 10

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Grobe, Clerk