

MONTHLY MEETING  
July 5, 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 June 6, 2013. Approved with one correction. Under New Business, page 3 item #4, it should read "Agreement with the TBAISD for the collection of **2013** summer taxes"

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

**Payment of Township Accounts:** Motion to approve General Fund Checks #5543 thru #5587 plus check # 681 (postage for the mailing of tax bills) for the purpose of paying Township accounts in the amount of \$23,939.80. (This includes the EFT payment for Federal withholding and FICA). Also Fire Fund Checks #1195 and # 1196 for the purpose of paying bills in the amount of \$124.93. **Motion made by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Sally Casey to approve the payment of Township accounts. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Sally Casey, Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman and Rick Jones. Nays; none.**

**Additional Agenda items:**

DTE will be having another sign up for natural gas on Saturday July 27, from 9-noon.

Several residents of the Arborvitae/Hemlock Ct. area were in attendance to discuss a dock issue on Platte Lake in their area. It is their understanding that docks are not allowed but there is one resident who has a dock out and they questioned why that person was allowed to put out a dock. The Township attorney represented this individual during arbitration and they feel that perhaps the Township needs another attorney to look at this issue. Bill Robinson mentioned that a ruling by a lower court was overturned by the Appellate Court for the dock currently installed. Dick Krupp will check into the matter and more information will be gathered to resolve the issue.

**Public comment:** Several residents of the Arborvitae/Hemlock Ct. area were in attendance to discuss a dock issue on Platte Lake in their area. It is their understanding that docks are not allowed but there is one resident who has a dock out and they questioned why that person was allowed to put out a dock. The Township attorney represented this individual during arbitration and they feel that perhaps

the Township needs another attorney to look at this issue. Bill Robinson mentioned that a ruling by a lower court was over-turned by the Appellate Court for the dock currently installed. Dick Krupp will check into the matter and more information will be gathered to resolve the issue.

*Guests:* None.

*Correspondence:*

**INCOMING:**

1. Letter from Jean Neuhardt resigning from the Deputy Treasurer position effective June 30, 2013.
2. Agreement letter with the Darcy Library of Beulah for our annual contribution.
3. Agreement letter with the Benzonia Public Library for our annual contribution.
4. Agreement letter with the Benzie Area Historical Society for our annual contribution.
5. Request for an extension of the Metro Acts Right of Way Permit for AT&T. The extension would be for 5 years and expire December 31, 2018. Tabled until August meeting.
6. Newsletter from the Benzie Area Historical Society.
7. Notice of an upcoming annual membership meeting for the Citizens for Access to the Lakeshore to be held on Tuesday July 27 at 7pm at the Benzie-Leelanau District Health Dept. building lower level meeting room.
8. Newsletter from the Benzie Shores District Library.
9. Information from Tight Area Tree Removal.

**OUTGOING:**

1. FOIA request sent to the Detroit Free Press.
2. Letter sent to Crystal Downs Country Club requesting reimbursement for their portion of the street lighting costs.
3. Letter sent to the City of Frankfort requesting reimbursement for the rent, electricity, heating costs and snowplowing for the fire building.

*New Business:*

1. Memo from the Planning Commission regarding their June 19, 2013 regular meeting.
2. Aquatic Nuisance Ordinance. Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Sally Casey to approve the ordinance with the addition of the Platte Lakes Watershed to all areas that currently state the Crystal Lake Watershed. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe, Sally Casey, Bill Robinson and Rick Jones. Nays; none.**

*Old Business:*

1. Clean up day report: 120 loads were brought in. Thank you again to all the volunteers. The next clean- up will be Saturday August 24. We are hopeful that

we will again have the rear end load trucks. Volunteers are always welcome for the next date

**County updates:** Vance Bates, County Commissioner-Update on County Issues. He will call MDOT again on moving the sign for the Sleeping Bears Dunes National Lakeshore that currently directs traffic onto Deadstream Rd. The County will be advertising for a new Recycling Coordinator and County Administrator. Question was asked about the ongoing lawsuit; Cole vs. Benzie? This is a case of property involved in the new boat launch on Crystal Lake.

**Township Depts.:**

Zoning Administrator-.No report

Planning Commission- Still looking into the ordinance to cover food vendors. Will have Dick Krupp see what other townships are doing. There was new legislation passed regarding fireworks. Next regular meeting will be held on October 10, 2013.

Assessor-New program is working well. Working on 2014 figures and new construction.

**Public input and general discussion:** It was asked about the possibility of a sewer system around Platte Lake. It has been looked at in the past but there are no current plans at this time.

Meeting adjourned: 8:08

In Attendance: 11

Respectfully submitted  
Anna Grobe, Clerk