

MONTHLY MEETING
October 3, 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 September 5, 2013. Approved.

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; Rick Jones, Sally Casey, Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; none.**

Payment of Township Accounts: Motion to approve General Fund Checks #5671 thru #5705 for the purpose of paying Township accounts in the amount of \$33,235.67. (This includes the EFT payment for Federal withholding and FICA). Also Fire Fund Checks #1204 thru # 1205 for the purpose of paying bills in the amount of \$114.48. **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, Maryanne Goodman and Rick Jones. Nays; none.**

Additional Agenda items: None

Public comment: Lisa Tucker County Commissioner from Almira Township is here in place of Vance Bates.

Guests: Brad Schaub, Benzie County Road Commission. Gave a presentation on the proposed road commission millage request. He also had a map and a break-down of work to be completed in the first year.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Final summary report of the contracted summer road patrols.
2. Information from the County Recycling Coordinator.
3. Newsletter from the Benzie Are Historical Society

OUTGOING: None

New Business:

1. Planning Commission will be holding a meeting on Thursday October 17 at 6:30 pm.
2. Discussion of suggested Fire Works Ordinance and Medical Marijuana Ordinance. **Motion to ask the Planning Commission to work on the Fire Works Ordinance by Rick Jones with a second by Sally Casey. Roll call vote: Ayes; Rick Jones, Sally Casey, Bill Robinson, Maryanne Goodman and Anna Grobe. Nays; none. Motion to ask the Planning Commission to work on the Medical Marijuana Ordinance by Sally Casey with a second by Rick Jones. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson, Sally Casey and Rick Jones.**
3. There will be a meeting of the Election Committee to discuss the appointment of election inspectors for the November 5, Special Election held on Monday October 7 at 11:30 am.

Old Business:

None.

County updates:

Lisa Tucker, County Commissioner-Gave an update on the County. The budget has been adopted. There were funds available to move a couple of positions from part time to full time. Looking for funds for the Secretary at the Sheriff's Dept. She is currently working 40 hours/week but is only getting paid for 20 hours/week. There were some funds available to purchase 2 vehicles for the Department. The repayment from the Maples is going well. The debt should be paid on schedule. There will be a Special Meeting scheduled to discuss the dismissal of Susan Miller from the Benzie Bus, the date will be announced. The interviews for a new Administrator have been on-going. Chris Olson has been kept on until December 31, 2013. There is a 2 week notice clause that either party may utilize if needed.

Township Depts.:

Zoning Administrator- We are up to 32 Land Use Permits for this year. 10 of those were for new homes.
Planning Commission- No additional information other than what was discussed
New business.
Assessor- New sales are looking up. This will result in assessed values going up slightly. Over all values should hold steady or show a small increase.

Public input and general discussion:

Bill spoke of the workshop that was recently held discussing the Grand Vision. The main thrust of the workshop was to discuss the availability of land for affordable housing and transportation issues.

A question was asked about the situation on Arborvitae. Bill will contact the attorney who is not involved with the issue to check on her status for assistance.

Meeting adjourned: 8:28
In Attendance: 11

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