

MONTHLY MEETING
September 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 August 1, 2013. Approved with one correction: Punctuation correction

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

Payment of Township Accounts: Motion to approve General Fund Checks #5633 thru #5670 for the purpose of paying Township accounts in the amount of \$17,958.15. (This includes the EFT payment for Federal withholding and FICA). Also Fire Fund Checks #1200 thru # 1203 for the purpose of paying bills in the amount of \$32,053.00; this includes the second half of our Fire and 1st. Responders contracts.. **Motion made by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Anna Grobe 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:

Guests: Marlene Wood, Benzie County Recycling Coordinator gave a brief report on the program. She will be working on up-dating the website and hopes to have dates for hazardous waste as well as electronic dates for 2014. She hopes to have brochures ready in time to add them to the winter tax bills.

Ted Schendel, Benzie County Sheriff spoke about the upcoming millage request that will be on the November 5 ballot. He answered several questions and any other questions/concerns should be addressed to the Sheriff's Department.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Letter from the Benzonia Public Library with the number of Township residents who use the library. This information has been requested from both

the Benzonia Library as well as the Darcy Library of Beulah in the past. We are still waiting to hear from the Darcy Library of Beulah,

2. An email that was forwarded to the Clerk of a letter sent to the Benzie County Road Commission regarding the condition of Sutter Rd. Included in the forwarded email was the response from the Road Commission stating that the Township Supervisor as well as another citizen spoke against the millage request.

OUTGOING: None

New Business: 1. An agreement from the Benzie County Road Commission for the second application of brine on select roads. The 1st. application's cost was \$367.54 with the second application to be \$775.90. A new company was selected by the Road Commission due to the issues that occurred with the 1st. application. **A motion was made by Anna Grobe with a second by Sally Casey to not have the selected roads get a second application of brine. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson, Maryanne Goodman, Rick Jones and Sally Casey. Nays; none.**

2 **Clean-up day report:** We had another good turn out with about 100 loads being brought in. The trucks were about 90% full at the end of the day. Thank you again to all the great volunteers who assisted with the un-loading of vehicles. Rick is working on the dates for 2014.

Old Business: None.

County updates: Vance Bates, County Commissioner-updated on County Business. There has been 21 applications received for the County Administrator position. This field will be narrowed down and then interviews will begin. He stated that he did not support the County Road Commission millage request. There is a new Administrator at the Maples. He is not sure about the transfer of funds from the Building Authority to the operating fund for the Maples. The sign directing visitors to use Deadstream Rd to get to the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore has been moved to US 31 and Platte Rd. Many residents of Deadstream Rd. requested this due to the condition of the road and the amount of additional traffic this caused.

Township Depts.:

Zoning Administrator-New construction has started to pick up again. Land Use Permits requests are up to 26 for this year, with 9 new homes being planned.

Planning Commission- Next meeting scheduled for October

Assessor-. She has been going out to look at new construction, recent sales and agriculture.

Public input and general discussion: A question was asked if an attorney was contacted in regards to the Arborvitae issue. The attorney contacted by Bill Robinson is still involved with other cases but he will call her again to check to see when she might be available.

Meeting adjourned: 8:04

In Attendance: 10