

MONTHLY MEETING
April 03, 2014

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

Minutes: of March 6, 2014. 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; Maryanne Goodman, Sally Casey, Rick Jones, Bill Robinson. Nays; none. Absent; Anna Grobe.**

Payment of Township Accounts: Motion to approve General Fund checks #5840 thru #5863 for the purpose of paying Township accounts in the amount of \$11,949.25. (This includes the EFT payment for Federal withholding and FICA). Check #5839 is void. Also Fire Fund checks #1221 thru # 1222 for the purpose of paying bills in the amount of \$496.69. Check # 1220 is void. **Motion made by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Rick Jones to approve the payment of Township accounts. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Maryanne Goodman, Sally Casey, Rick Jones. Nays; none. Absent; Anna Grobe.**

Additional Agenda items:

1. Transfer \$906.37 from Account 101-265-975 to 101-528-000 Clean-up. Motion made by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Bill Robinson to approve the transfer. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Maryanne Goodman, Sally Casey, Rick Jones. Nays; None. Absent: Anne Grobe.

County Update: Vance Bates said that the fund balance of the county went from about 25% of the general fund to 30% of the general fund. County intends to take 3% to 4% of that money and will address security concerns in the courthouse as well as a few other things. Taxable value in the county went up about 1% over the last year according to the auditors. The only issue the auditors see in the future (2015-2016) will be that they will start looking at underfunding of pension as a liability. It is now funded at about 73%. County will put more money towards that every year (does not include Road Commission or the Maples). Lake Township should receive a check from the county for \$10,522.71 for delinquent tax reimbursement. Maryanne Goodman stated that it was already in the bank. Noted by Bates that \$486,000 plus \$191,000 of delinquent taxes went to the schools. Benzie Library and Benzie Transportation also received some funds. County received money from the state to update their QVF

system. County has obtained ownership of several properties in the county due to foreclosure. Spring Weather Spotter Training, April 16, 6 PM. CERT Training, April 10- 12 call Frank Post for more information. .

Public comment: David Thompson, introduced himself and stated his intent to run for 19th Circuit Court Judge.

Guests: Bill Kennis, Benzie Bus: Not present.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Benzie Shores District Library- Information on Benzie County Newspaper Archive. Decades worth of the Benzie County newspapers are available on the library's website.
2. Benzie Conservation District- Information on Spring Seedling Catalog.
3. Benzie County Council on Aging- The Senior Scoop, April 2014.

OUTGOING: None.

New Business: Renewal of Fire and EMS Contract with the City of Frankfort to start April 1, 2014 and shall continue for one year. **Motion made by Bill Robinson with a second from Rick Jones to approve and sign the contract. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Maryanne Goodman, Rick Jones and Sally Casey. Nays; None. Absent; Anna Grobe.**

Old Business: 1. None

Township Depts.: Planning Commission- Next meeting is scheduled for April 17 at 6:30 PM. This will be an organizational meeting with election of officers. Meeting dates are posted on Lake Township website. Have had some discussions on solar panels and truck vendors. Plan to leave the Zoning Ordinance as is on truck vendors.

Zoning Administrator-Things are slow. Will issue a land use permit for a solar panel.

Assessor- Board of Review, four people attended. Fifteen petitions in total.

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned: 7:49

In Attendance: 6

Karen Stansberry, Deputy Clerk