

MONTHLY MEETING
December 4, 2014

Meeting: called to order by Anna Grobe at 7:00 pm. Request of the Board to designate who will moderate the meeting in Bill Robinson's absence. **Motion by Rick Jones with a second by Sally Casey to designate Anna Grobe to be the moderator. All Ayes.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

Minutes: of November 6, 2014. Approved.

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

Payment of Township Accounts: Motion to approve General Fund checks #6103 thru #6144 for the purpose of paying Township accounts in the amount of \$21,046.46. (This includes the EFT payment for Federal withholding and FICA). Also check # 703 to the Postmaster for the mailing of winter tax bills. Also Fire Fund check #1240 thru # 1242 for the purpose of paying bills in the amount of \$312.68. **Motion made by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Rick Jones to approve the payment of Township accounts. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, Rick Jones, Maryanne Goodman and Anna Grobe. Nays; none. Absent; Bill Robinson.**

Additional Agenda items: None.

Public comment: None

Guests: Ingemar Johansson and Paul Sadows. Requested support for grant funding to increase the shoulders on Deadstream Rd. by an additional 2 feet of paving. The total cost that they quoted was \$400,000.00. They did not have any ideas on where the grant money would be coming from. There were several questions; environmental studies, resident reaction etc... that they were unable to answer. The discussion was tabled until more information is received.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Resolution from the Frankfort-Elbert Area School District for the collection of summer taxes for 2015. Currently the rate is \$4.25 per

parcel. That has been the rate since 2003 and other municipalities collect the same rate.

2. Newsletter from the Friends of Point Betsie Lighthouse, Inc.
3. Two notices from Charter; one about a rate increase and the other is regarding the annual report.
4. The Senior Scoop.

OUTGOING: None.

New Business:

1. Appointment of James Dodge as an alternate on the Board of Review and the appointment of Tom Harrett, Nancy Simmons and Lynn Walker as Members of the Board of Review. **Motion by Anna Grobe with a second by Maryanne Goodman to appoint Tom Harrett, Nancy Simmons and Lynn Walker as Board of Review members and Jim Dodge as an Alternate Member of the Board of Review. Roll call vote; Ayes; Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman, Sally Casey and Rick Jones. Nays; None. Absent; Bill Robinson.**

1. Adoption of the Poverty Exemption Guideline Resolution. **Motion by Anna Grobe with a second by Maryanne Goodman to adopt the Resolution with an asset limit of \$2,000.00. Roll call vote; Ayes: Rick Jones, Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman and Anna Grobe. Nays: None. Absent: Bill Robinson.**

2. Report on the recent meeting at the County to discuss ORV usage. Currently there are no provisions in Lake Township for the use of ORVs. It was recommended by the Planning Commission to adopt the County Ordinance with the following roads excluded; Deadstream Rd. (due to the upcoming construction) and M-22. Resolution to adopt the Ordinance will be presented and voted on at the January meeting.

3. Letter from the Benzie County Sheriff's Dept. asking for pledges of Funds for the 2014-2015 Snowmobile Safety Program. Motion by Sally Casey with a second by Rick Jones to pledge \$200.00 toward the program. Roll call vote; Ayes: Anna Grobe, Rick Jones, Sally Casey and Maryanne Goodman. Nays: None. Absent: Bill Robinson.

Old Business:

1. Road Commission bill for culverts on Cooper Rd. Rick Jones met with Road Commission officials and the reason for the over run was that when the culverts were going in they ran into utility lines. And needed extra gravel to fill in the areas. Motion by Rick Jones with second by Sally Casey to pay 1/2 of the difference of the signed contract and the actual bill not to exceed \$500.00. Roll call vote; Ayes: Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe and Rick Jones. Nays: None. Absent: Bill Robinson.

2. Sutter Road. The Natural Beauty Road designation has been removed. Work will begin in the spring/summer to begin removing low hanging branches to open

up the road to sun light and air. There are no plans at this time to work on the road itself. That will be the decision of the Local Road Committee.

County Update: Vance Bates gave an update on the County.

Township Depts.: Planning Commission- Next meeting will be on January 8 2015 at 6:30. This will be a Public Hearing on Solar Panels to be added to the General Provisions of the Township Zoning Ordinance. It is also time to review the Township Master Plan. Anna Grobe spoke with Roger Williams, who helped the last time it was reviewed and it only needs to be reviewed. If no changes are recommended then it can be adopted as is.
Zoning Administrator- 28 Land Use Permits have been issued this year. For single residential homes. There is a possible Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to be held at the end of January.
Assessor- the Board of Review will meet on Tuesday December 9 at 1pm. There will be 2 items to discuss. Working on new construction as weather permits.

Public Comment: Reminder that the next meeting will be held on Friday January 2 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned: 8:29 PM
In Attendance: 13

Anna Grobe
Clerk
Meeting recording will be kept for 30 days.