

MONTHLY MEETING
February 6, 2014

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

Minutes: of January 2, 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; all. Nays; none.**

Payment of Township Accounts: Motion to approve General Fund Checks #5793 thru #5816 for the purpose of paying Township accounts in the amount of \$11,669.09. (This includes the EFT payment for Federal withholding and FICA). Also Fire Fund Checks #1212 thru # 1216 for the purpose of paying bills in the amount of \$32,908.46 (This includes the second half payment for the Fire Protection and 1st. Responders Contracts). **Motion made by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Rick Jones 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: One additional incoming correspondence.

Public comment: None

Guests: None.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Letter of thanks and signed contract from the Benzie County Sheriff's Office for the Snowmobile Safety Program.
2. Information from Consumers Energy on Natural Gas Pipeline Safety.
3. Newsletter from the Benzie Council on Aging.
4. Newsletter from the Benzie Area Historical Society.
5. Recycling report.

OUTGOING: None.

- New Business:**
1. There will be an open house on Thursday, February 20 from 4-6 on the upcoming bridge work.
 2. There will be a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 held on Tuesday February 18 at 6:30 pm.
 3. There will be one Trustee position up for election this year. The term will run through 2016. Anyone interested should contact the Clerk for the necessary paperwork and information. Deadline for the paperwork to be in to the Clerk is April 22, 2014.
 4. The Budget Adoption meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 6 at 6:00pm.

Old Business: 1. None

County updates: Vance Bates, County Commissioner- gave an update on the County. The County held its organizational meeting; very few changes on any County Commissioner Committees. There are openings on some public committees (Benzie Bus, Betsie Valley Trail etc.) if anyone is interested. The Maples have re-paid the County in full.

Township Depts.: Planning Commission- Next regular scheduled meeting will be March 13, 2014. Commission is still doing research on the medical marijuana issue.

Zoning Administrator- 40 Land Use Permits were issued in 2013. Of those, 13 were for new homes. Things are quiet right now due to the weather.

Assessor- Still waiting for final figures from the County. Board of Review training will be Wednesday February 12. Meeting dates have been set for March.

Public input and general discussion:

Meeting adjourned: 7:30

In Attendance: 4

Anna Grobe, Clerk