

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

**Payment of Township Accounts:** Motion to approve General Fund checks #5817 thru #5838 for the purpose of paying Township accounts in the amount of \$12,826.46. (This includes the EFT payment for Federal withholding and FICA). Also Fire Fund checks #1217 thru # 1219 for the purpose of paying bills in the amount of \$746.06. **Motion made by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Rick Jones approve the payment of Township accounts. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Maryanne Goodman, Sally Casey, Rick Jones and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.**

**Additional Agenda items:**

1. Incoming correspondence.
2. Marlene Wood, Recycling Coordinator.
3. Karl Sparks, County Administrator.

**Public comment:** None

**Guests:** Karl L. Sparks, Benzie County Administrator introduced himself. He has been conducting workshops and invited board members to attend if interested.

Marlene Wood, Recycling Coordinator gave an update on the program, as well as handing out a copy of the 2013 annual report. There will be an electronic drop off in Thompsonville on Saturday April 19. There will be other dates for other drop offs and she will get the information to us.

**Correspondence:**

**INCOMING:**

1. Letter from BS&A, showing the "hits" that have occurred in 2013 for searches on parcels within the Township.

2. Letter from Michigan Township Participating Plan regarding our recent grant application for supplies for the cleanup days. We did not receive the grant but there will be another cycle opening April 1 and can re-apply.
3. The Senior Scoop newsletter.
4. Letter from Charter asking for franchise fees to be paid electronically. We are not interested in doing this.
5. Minutes from the Road Commission that was held with the Township representatives. It was mentioned that Sutter Rd. is designated as a Natural Beauty Rd. and that limits the amount and scope of work that can be done.

**OUTGOING:** None.

**New Business:** 1. Agreement with TBA-ISD for the collection of summer taxes. Motion by Anna Grobe with a second by Maryanne Goodman to approve the agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes; Rick Jones, Sally Casey Bill Robinson, Maryanne Goodman and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.

**Old Business:** 1. None

**County updates:** Roger Griner, County Commissioner, Frankfort and Crystal Lake Township. – Gave an update on the County. He mentioned that the County recently adopted a resolution to physically stop the transfer of water from Chicago to keep Asian Carp from getting into our waterways. He was recently appointed to the Parks and Rec. Committee and hopes to get some help/input from Bill Robinson. Work is progressing on the construction at the Maples. New Administrator will soon be appointed for the Benzie Bus.

**Township Depts.:** Planning Commission- Next meeting is scheduled for March 13. Commission is still looking at the medical marijuana issue. The Clerk recently received an inquiry about a food truck at the park and she will give the information to Rick Jones to discuss at that time. It is stated in the deed to the park that there will be no food sales at the park. Talks are being held on the state of the roads not only locally but at the state and federal levels as well.

Assessor- Board of Review meeting dates have been set for March. Values have gone up due to sales.

Zoning Administrator-Things are slow but are expected to pick up as the weather improves.

**Public input and general discussion:**

Meeting adjourned: 7:42

In Attendance: 4

Anna Grobe, Clerk