

MONTHLY MEETING
November 6, 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 Maryanne Goodman 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, Rick Jones, Sally Casey. Absent: Bill Robinson.

Minutes: of October 2, 2014. Approved.

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

Payment of Township Accounts: Motion to approve General Fund checks #6072 thru #6102 for the purpose of paying Township accounts in the amount of \$14,563.15. (This includes the EFT payment for Federal withholding and FICA. Check # 6075 is VOID. Also Fire Fund check #1239 for the purpose of paying bills in the amount of \$43.09. **Motion made by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Rick Jones to approve the payment of Township accounts. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Rick Jones, Sally Casey and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; none. Absent; Bill Robinson.**

Additional Agenda items: Election report.

Public comment: None.

Guests: None.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Letter from Ed McIntosh, President of the Benzie Fishery Coalition about the decision by the Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore to suspend dredging of the mouth of the Platte River.
2. Newsletter from the Benzie Area Historical Society.
3. The Senior Scoop.

OUTGOING:

1. Letters sent to the County Clerk, the Republican and Democratic Chairs informing them of the Election Inspectors who were appointed to work the November 4, 2014 General Election.

New Business:

1. Request from Marlene Wood asking for permission to include a recycling flier with the winter tax bills. This has been done in the past with no additional postage to the Township.
2. Update from Rick Jones on the Local Road Commission meeting. There are approximately 80 miles of roads that could use repairs at a cost of about \$11,000,000.00. There is only about \$500,000.00 available. The next meeting of the Local Road Commission meeting will be on November 13 and it will then be discussed which roads and how much of them will be potentially repaired. There was also a meeting of the County Road Commission held at the Township to discuss the removal of the Natural Beauty Road designation on Sutter Rd. This designation would need to be removed before any repairs/improvements can be done. The County Road Commission will make the decision at their next scheduled meeting on November 13, 2014 at the Road Commission Complex. There were also some discussions about the possibility of a Bike path on Deadstream Rd when those improvements begin. At this time it is not included in the proposed improvements.
3. Election Report- There were 513 votes cast. We did experience a couple of computer glitches. There were back up plans in place in the event of this and they were implemented and then the computer was updated accordingly. Thank you to the following Inspectors: Nancy Simmons, Jane Schultz, Andra Bouck, Pam Radabaugh, Judy Oslin, Tony Marchio, Maryanne Goodman, Marlene McPherson, Hallie Christian, Linda Marchio and Dottie Blank. Sally Casey was sworn in as Trustee at this time with her term ending in November 2016.

Old Business:

1. Road Commission bill for culverts on Cooper Rd. There were 2 culverts put in on Cooper Rd. Agreements were signed for each. The agreement for the first one stated that the Township would contribute \$1,500.00 to be paid in two installments. The first \$750.00 was paid and the issue is the second half plus the cost overruns. The second agreement stated that the Township would contribute \$1,183.00. The payment for the second culvert was sent in paid in full. The first one had cost over-runs and when we contacted the Road Commission we were told that the agreement should have been an estimate. The agreement did not state that nor did it state that the Township would be responsible for any cost over-runs. Upon a motion by Rick Jones with a second by Sally Casey that \$750.00 be sent to the Road Commission. Rick Jones will try to meet with Brad Schaub and Heather Jamison to resolve the remainder of the charges.

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

Township Depts.: Planning Commission- Met on October 27. Discussed the solar energy section of the Zoning Ordinance. There will be a Public Hearing of the Planning Commission on January 8. The Township Master Plan will need to be looked at and at the recommendation of the Planning Commission Roger Williams will be contacted to see if he would be available to assist. He was very helpful the last time this was done. Rick Jones attended a meeting at the County on ATVs and will have a report for the December meeting.
Zoning Administrator-No report.
Assessor- Values look to be up 7% for the Township. County multiplier is about the same figure. The State has changed the rules regarding “un-capping” of properties held in trusts that are transferred to children and grandchildren.

Public Comment: Charlie Thompson, Fire Chief, City of Frankfort gave a brief report on the efforts to obtain grant money to install “dry hydrants”. These would be installed where feasible in local waterways to assist in firefighting use. They would be available year round and would have a positive impact on the ISO rating for residents for insurance purposes. There will also be discussions on possibly upgrading the equipment that is normally located at the Township.

An update was given on Bill Robinson’s health.

Meeting adjourned: 8:13 PM
In Attendance: 8

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