

MONTHLY MEETING
February 5, 2015

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

Minutes: of January 2, 2015. 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, and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; none. Absent; Rick Jones**

Payment of Township Accounts: Motion to approve General Fund Checks #6172 thru #6196, for the purpose of paying Township accounts in the amount of \$11,703.93. (This includes the EFT payment for Federal withholding and FICA as well as the State withholding). Also Fire Fund Checks #1245 thru 1248 for the purpose of paying bills in the amount of \$33,516.32. This includes the 3rd and 4th quarter payment of our fire and 1st responder's contracts. **Motion made by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Anna Grobe to approve the payment of Township accounts. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman and Sally Casey. Nays; none. Absent; Rick Jones**

Additional Agenda items:

1. None.

Public comment:

Guests: Doug Durand, Council on Aging. Gave a report on the Council, it's funding/budget, the number of people who have taken advantage of the program and the services that are provided.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Benzie Shores District Library newsletter.
2. Signed agreement and receipt of our contribution for the Snowmobile Safety Program.
- 3.

OUTGOING:

1. Letters and applications sent to Election Inspectors for the 2015 year.

New Business: 1. Appointment of James Dodge as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Letter of resignation received from Lynn Walker last month. **Motion by Anna Grobe with a second by Maryanne Goodman to appoint James Dodge as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Sally Casey, Bill Robinson and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; none. Absent; Rick Jones.**

2. Appointment of Chuck Retallick to serve as an alternate member of the Board Of Review. Letter of resignation received from Lynn Walker last month. **Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Sally Casey to appoint Chuck Retallick to serve as an alternate member of the Board of Review. Roll call vote: Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson, Sally Casey and Anna Grobe. Nays; none. Absent; Rick Jones.**

3. Recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding an amendment to Zoning Ordinance about solar panels. Solar panels are currently permitted in the existing ordinances and this amendment sets guidelines for their use. **Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Anna Grobe to approve the recommendation and adopt the amendment. Roll call vote: Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson and Sally Casey. Nays; none. Absent; Rick Jones.**

4. There will be a joint meeting of the Lake Township and Benzonia Township Boards to discuss the proposed extension of the shoulders on Deadstream Road in conjunction with the upcoming work to be done in 2015. This meeting will be held at the Lake Township Hall on Wednesday February 18 at 1 pm.

Old Business: 1. Discussion on ways to use funds that have been and are being donated in memory of Bill Johnston. The addition of a bench was mentioned as well as possible paving stones around the flag pole, a new kiosk and a cement wall where the current flower box is located. As the weather permits, the Board will go to the park as see what alternatives are viable.

County updates: Vance Bates, County Commissioner- Reported on the County

Township Depts.: Planning Commission-
Zoning Administrator- ZBA hearing to be held on Thursday, February 26 at 6:30.
Land Use Permits went down in 2014 compare to 2013.
Assessor- Working on tax roll to get it to the County. Board of Review dates have been set and will be published.

Public input and general discussion: Bill Kennis, Executive Director of the Benzie Transportation Authority gave an update on the program and what is they are hoping to do in the future.

Meeting adjourned: 8:17

In Attendance: 10

Anna Grobe, Clerk