

MONTHLY MEETING
May 7, 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. Absent; Rick Jones.

Minutes: of April 2, 2015. Approved

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

Payment of Township Accounts: Request for approval General Fund Checks #6252 thru #6287, for the purpose of paying Township accounts in the amount of \$21,455.54; including an EFPTS. Also Fire Fund Checks #1254 thru #1257 for the purpose of paying bills in the amount of \$367.77. **Motion made by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Anna Grobe to approve the payment of Township accounts. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson, Maryanne Goodman and Sally Casey. Nays; none. Absent; Rick Jones.**

Additional Agenda items: Bill and Anna will be attending an MTA Conference to be held on Tuesday May 12. Rick Jones has spoken with Bill and will be resigning due to family issues. The Township will have 45 days to appoint a replacement once the resignation is accepted.

Public comment: Bill mentioned that we will request that the Deputy on the contract for summer road patrols will be asked to spend more time on Deadstream Rd. Concerns are that the speeds will go up due to the new pavement. He has also looked into some "Your Speed is..." signs to put on the road if needed.

Guests:

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Email from the Manistee Community Kitchen about a job opening.
2. Minutes from the April 14 County Commissioners meeting.
3. Minutes from the April 9 Road Commission meeting.
4. Note from SEEDS about the availability of workers for Township projects.

OUTGOING: None

New Business:

1. Minutes from the Election Committee meeting.
2. Election results. There will be 2 issues on the August 4 election: Jail operating millage renewal and the bus millage renewal.
3. Summer road patrol contract with the Sheriff's Dept. **Motion by Anna Grobe with a second by Maryanne Goodman to accept the contract as read. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Sally Casey, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none. Absent; Rick Jones.**
4. Roster of Officers for the Planning Commission for FY 2015.
5. Contracts for Fire Protection and 1st. Responders received.
6. Budget amendment: Due to the increased costs for the contracts the Fire Fund budget needs to be amended as follows: Transfer \$4,000.00 from Fund 206-000-890 Contingency to Fund 206-000-801 Contracts. This will result in the following new totals for the Fire Fund; Fund 206-000-890 \$6,000.00 and Fund 206-000-801 \$72,000.000. **Motion by Anna Grobe with a second by Maryanne Goodman to amend the Fire Fund budget as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Nays; none. Absent; Rick Jones.**
7. **Motion to approve Fire Protection and 1st. Responders contracts as presented by Anna Grobe with a second by Maryanne Goodman. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman and Anna Grobe. Nays; none. Absent; Rick Jones.**
8. Agreement from the Benzie Area Historical Society for our annual contribution for their efforts in preserving materials for the Township residents to review. **Motion by Anna Grobe with a second by Bill Robinson to approve the agreement as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman and Bill Robinson. Nays; none. Absent; Rick Jones.**

Old Business:

1. None

County updates:

Vance Bates, County Commissioner- Reported on the County. Gave a report on the County Commissioners activities. There is a plan to replace the roof at The Maples. There will be an opening at the Road Commission for the Manager position. May soon be activity at Bud's in Honor. The ? building in Honor is gone.

Township Depts.:

Planning Commission-Next meeting scheduled for Thursday June 18 at 6:00. On the agenda: continued review of the Master Plan. They hope to have a recommendation to the Board for the July meeting. Due to Rick Jones's pending resignation there will need to be another member appointed to the Commission.

Zoning Administrator- Getting phone calls. 9 Land Use Permits issued to date. 4 applications for new homes approved.

Assessor- Will be doing field work and sales studies with the County as weather permits. Both Carol and Dick will be looking at Land Use Permits that are or soon will be expired.

Public input and general discussion:

Newsletters have been mailed. A big Thank you to Maryanne Goodman on another excellent job. She has been doing the newsletter for many years and we have always received many compliments on it.

Meeting adjourned: 8:08
In Attendance: 9

Anna Grobe, Clerk

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