

MONTHLY MEETING
October 1, 2015

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll Call: John Rothhaar, Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe.

Minutes: of September 3, 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; Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; none.**

Payment of Township Accounts: Request for approval General Fund Checks #6436 thru #6466, for the purpose of paying Township accounts in the amount of \$24,481.82 (including and EFPTS) Also Fire Fund Checks #1268 thru #1269 for the purpose of paying bills in the amount of \$71.17. **Motion made by Maryanne Goodman with a second by John Rothhaar to approve the payment of Township accounts. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman, Sally Casey and John Rothhaar. Nays; none.**

Additional Agenda items: Discussion on the need for a new well at the park.
2016 Election update.
Audit report.
Appointment of a Planning Commission member.

Public comment: None

Guests: None.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Letter from Sally Kline regarding activity at the National Park.
2. Newsletter from the Benzonia Public Library.
3. Newsletter from the Benzie Area Historical Society.

OUTGOING:

None.

New Business:

1. New well at the park. Due to problems with water pressure, Bill has contacted 3 companies about putting down a new well at the Park. We have increased the zones of the sprinkler system and the pressure is not sufficient to correctly operate them. It was suggested by one of the companies that we go to a larger pipe. More information will be made available as it comes in.
2. No Election will be held in November 2015. Presidential Primary is scheduled for March 8, 2016. Anna is in communication with the Bureau of Elections as to what may be on the ballot (just the candidates; possible proposals) When she gets clarification she will be able to order absentee ballot applications and have them available for voters.
3. We received our audit report and it was good. Maryanne and Anna were very pleased with working with the new auditors. Anna will contact them and get on the schedule for next year. This was a two year audit.
4. With the resignation of Rick Jones, a Board member must be appointed to serve on the Planning Commission. John Rothhaar said that he would be happy to fill the position. Motion made by Anna Grobe with a second by Bill Robinson to appoint John Rothhaar to the open Board member position on the Planning Commission. This term will coincide with his term as a Township Trustee. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Anna Grobe and Bill Robinson. Nays; none.

Old Business: 1. None.

County updates: Vance Bates, County Commissioner-.Gave an update on the County. Search is on once again for a new County Administrator. The Building Authority has decided to go with a “spray and sprinkle” solution for the Maples. There will be talks with the other parties involved to recoup the money spent on this solution.

Township Depts.: Planning Commission- Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 15 at 6:30. On the agenda; review of the Platte River Watershed Plan.
Zoning Administrator- No report. Land Use Permits continue to come in for new construction.
Assessor- Working on Tribunals

Public input and general discussion: none.

Meeting adjourned: 7:53
In Attendance: 9

Anna Grobe, Clerk