

MONTHLY MEETING

April 7, 2016

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll Call: Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman (excused), Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe

Minutes: of March 3, 2016. Approved

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

Payment of Township Accounts:

Request for approval General Fund Checks #6597 thru #6629, for the purpose of paying Township accounts in the amount of \$17,505.73 (including and EFPTS). Also Fire Fund Checks #1283 thru #1284 for the purpose of paying bills in the amount of \$205.90. **Motion made by Maryanne Goodman with a second by John Rothhaar to approve the payment of Township accounts. Roll call vote: Ayes; John Rothhaar, Anna Grobe, Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman and Bill Robinson. Nays; none.**

Additional Agenda items: Under new business: John Rothhaar- Broadband summit.

Public comment: None

Guests:

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

OUTGOING:

New Business:

1. Letter from the Benzie County Road Commission on the roads that we contract to have brined. Questions were asked about how the cover letter was written. Motion by Anna Grobe with a second by Sally Casey to table the issue until the May meeting so that we can get clarification.
2. Newsletter from the Benzonia Public Library.
3. Fire Board meeting. Bill Robinson and Sally Casey attended the Fire Board meeting in Frankfort. The Fire Board approved the new contract with the cost to the Township at \$73,599.36. This is for fire protection and 1st. Responders.
4. John Rothhaar attended a summit on Broadband. There are many areas in Benzie County that do not have access to high speed internet access. The summit was held to help communities get contact information to help residents. The M-22 project has suggested “mini towers” to deflect/bounce signals to underserved areas. It was suggested that a flier be included in summer tax bills to get feedback on what areas need to be focused on. A question was asked about how the National Park Service feels about the towers being within the park boundaries. That was not brought up at the summit.

Old Business: None

County updates: Vance Bates, gave an update on the County.

Township Depts.: Planning Commission- Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 28, 2016 at 6:30pm.
Zoning Administrator- 6 Land Use Permits; 4 for new homes
Assessor- Board of Review completed. 5 people came in. 16 petitions were filed; 8 were denied, 7 were changed and there was one veteran’s exemption.

Public input and general discussion: Mark Walter, candidate for the 101st. District introduced himself. Information was left with the Clerk.

Meeting adjourned: 7:40pm
In Attendance: 11

Anna Grobe, Clerk