

MONTHLY MEETING

August 4, 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, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe

**Minutes:** of July 7, 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 #6741 thru #6772, for the purpose of paying Township accounts in the amount of \$24,580.48 (including an EFPTS). Also Fire Fund Checks #1292 thru #1294 for the purpose of paying bills in the amount of \$36,906.27; this includes the first half of our protection contracts. **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, Maryanne Goodman, Sally Casey and Bill Robinson. Nays; none.**

**Additional Agenda items:** Clean-up day under new business.

**Public comment:**

**Guests:** Scott Tucker, Superintendent of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. He was invited to attend the meeting by the Clerk and answered some questions.

1. Dredging? Applications have been submitted to the DEQ and DNR to dredge if necessary. The Park Service will not be doing the work; it will be done by the DNR.
2. Limits on the number of canoes/floats that can be dispatched from the surrounding liveries? He has not looked into this issue but he is working on getting the river traffic back to more of a family atmosphere. He is also working on keeping glass off the river. It was suggested that he look into what has been done on the Pine River.

**Correspondence:**

**INCOMING:**

1. Thank you note and contract agreement from the Benzie Historical Society for our recent contribution.
2. Contract agreement and not of Thanks from the Benzonia Public library for our recent contribution.

**OUTGOING:**

1. Letters sent to the Election Inspectors with the scheduling for the August 2, 2016 Primary Election.

**New Business:**

1. Election results.
2. Notice of the second application for road brining received. Due to the continuing dry conditions we will request a second application to the previously brined roads.
3. The cost of the work on Highland Dr. and Spring Valley has been increased. The increase in the estimate is due to Elmer's Construction learning that they will not be able to use the large trucks to transport the asphalt up the hill. The new estimate is \$60,257.45 for both roads. The home owner's association has been informed of the increase and would like to proceed with the project. Bill Robinson will sign the new contracts with the Road Commission.
4. Clean-up day will be Saturday August 13 from 8-noon. Trucks have been confirmed and volunteers have been called.

**Old Business:**

None

**County updates:**

Vance Bates, no report

**Township Depts.:**

Planning Commission- Next meeting is scheduled for September 15 at 6:30pm. They will continue the discussion on the roads in the Township with possibly making a recommendation to seek a road millage in the future. The Chair will also look into contacting the DNR about doing some work on Arborvitae with the area being used by so many fishermen. Swimmer's itch sampling has been completed and the results will be made public as soon as the analysis/testing has been completed.

Zoning Administrator- 21 permits have been issued to date with 7 being for new houses. It was asked if the new construction was localized in one area and they are though the Township.

Assessor- Board of Review was held to correct errors. A total of 10 petitions were addressed.

**Public input and general discussion:** We will all miss John Zirkel.

Meeting adjourned: 7:28pm

In Attendance: 9

Anna Grobe, Clerk

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