

MONTHLY MEETING

February 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 January 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; John Rothhaar, Sally Casey, Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman and Bill Robinson. Nays; none.**

**Payment of Township Accounts:**

Request for approval General Fund Checks #6549 thru #6576, for the purpose of paying Township accounts in the amount of \$14,527.49 (including and EFPTS). **Checks 6547 & 6548 are void** Also Fire Fund Checks #1276 thru #1279 for the purpose of paying bills in the amount of \$36,295.91. This included the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of Fire and 1<sup>st</sup>. Responder contracts. **Motion made by Anna Grobe with a second by John Rothhaar to approve the payment of Township accounts. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Sally Casey, Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman and John Rothhaar. Nays; none.**

**Additional Agenda items:** We received the agreement for summer tax collection from TBA-ISD. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Sally Casey to approve and sign the agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman and Bill Robinson. Nays; none.**

**Public comment:**

**Guests:**

**Correspondence:**

**INCOMING:**

1. Newsletter from the Benzie Shores District Library.

2. Newsletter from the Benzonia Public Library.
3. Notice of the schedule for Road Commission meetings.
4. Notice of the schedule of County Commissioner meetings.

**OUTGOING:**

- 1.

**New Business:** 1. The Election Commission will be meeting on Monday February 8 at 1:30 to appoint and schedule inspectors for the Presidential Primary to be held on March 8, 2016. The Preliminary Accuracy Test will be held following the meeting. Paperwork for anyone wishing to run for a Township office are available from the Clerk. The filing deadline is April 19 by 4pm.

**Old Business:** 1. The personnel handbook has been completed. It will be reviewed by the board and possibly approved at the Budget Adoption meeting.

**County updates:** Lisa Tucker, gave an update on the County.

**Township Depts.:** Planning Commission- Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 28, 2016 at 6:30pm. The Chair discussed a survey that was done on Platte Lake regarding swimmer's itch. He asked the board to consider placing funds in the budget to conduct them again 2016. A negative reputation to our surrounding waters could have a large impact on tourism, property sales and the effect that it has on residents.

Zoning Administrator- Things are starting slow for Land Use Permits.

Assessor- Values have stayed mainly steady. Board of Review will meet on Tuesday March 8, 2016 for their organizational meeting. At that time the Chair will be elected and the tax roll will be turned over. Other meeting dates will be posted.

**Public input and general discussion:** Summer tax collection is very close to 100%.

There will be a Budget Workshop held on Thursday February 25 at 11:00 to discuss the 2016-2017 budget.

Meeting adjourned: 7:35

In Attendance: 10

Anna Grobe, Clerk