

MONTHLY MEETING

November 3, 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 October 6, 2016. Approved.

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

Payment of Township Accounts:

Request for approval General Fund Checks #6844 thru #6863, for the purpose of paying Township accounts in the amount of \$13,967.01 (including an EFPTS).. Also Fire Fund Checks #1301 thru #1302 for the purpose of paying bills in the amount of \$92.95. **Motion made by Maryanne Goodman with a second by John Rothhaar to approve the payment of Township accounts. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson, Sally Casey, John Rothhaar and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; none.**

Additional Agenda items:

Public comment: Request for the winner of the Clerk's office to be available to assist in putting away the election materials.

Guests: Amanda McLaren, Benzonia Public Library gave a presentation on the status of the library, the annual report and past and upcoming programs

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Proposed Benzie County Master Plan received. One copy will be available at the office for review. The Planning Commission Chair has also received a copy.
2. Notice about the Benzie Athletic Stadium complex project.

3. Email on the dredging issue.
4. Benzie Shores District Library budget.
5. Benzie Area Historical Society newsletter.
6. Publication from the Watershed Council.
7. Senior Scoop newsletter.

OUTGOING: None

New Business: 1. Poverty exemption resolution. **Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Maryanne Goodman to adopt the resolution as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, John Rothhaar, Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman and Sally Casey. Nays; none.**

Old Business:

1. Information on the proposed road millage discussed in October. John Rothhaar put together some information that could be included with the winter taxes. It was decided that the “flier” would be included with the tax bills with a line requesting feedback from tax payers.
2. John also attended a Lakes to Land meeting where the issue of the M-22 Scenic Byway was discussed. He will continue to attend meetings to get more information.

County updates: Vance Bates, County Commissioner: Gave an update at what is happening at the County. The next Commissioners meeting will be on Monday, November 14 at 9:30am.

Mitch Deisch, County Administrator gave an update on the Maples. The Certificate of Occupancy is expected by next week. This certificate is for the State as well at the Federal requirements. There is a possibility that residents will begin moving in. The issue of the roof still remains. There is no guarantee that a waiver will be obtained in the future. There will be future and ongoing discussions as to the best way to resolve this whole issue.

Township Depts.: Planning Commission- Next meeting scheduled for January. The medical marijuana issue will be discussed. If the Township decides not to “opt in” then no other action needs to be taken. The Clerk will check with the Road Commission about getting a copy of the passer report.

Zoning Administrator, no report, the Clerk stated that per him that 34 land use permits have been issued so far this year and of those, 14 are for new home construction.

Assessor- Completed field work, The CPI is at .009%. This may bring values down for the coming year.

Public input and general discussion: On a personal note, I would like to thank the residents for their support and my fellow Board Members, especially Bill and Maryanne for all their help the past 12 years. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Clerk

Meeting adjourned: 8:00pm

In Attendance: 15

Anna Grobe, Clerk

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