

MONTHLY MEETING

September 1 2016

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

**The Pledge of Allegiance** was given.

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

**Minutes:** of August 4, 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, Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson and Sally Casey (absent). Nays; none.**

**Budget Amendment:** Due to an increase in the anticipated cost of the audit; **motion by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Anna Grobe to amend the budget as follows:**

Transfer \$175.00 from 101-215-728-002 to 101-101-802-000

Transfer \$175.00 from 101-253-728-002 to 101-101-802-000

This will result in new totals of \$1,115.00 in account 101-215-728-002 (Clerk computer software); \$1,165.00 in account 101-253-728-002 (Treasurer computer software) and \$4,150.00 in account 101-101-802-000 (Audit). **Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson Anna Grobe, Sally Casey (absent), Maryanne Goodman and John Rothhaar. Nays; none.**

**Payment of Township Accounts:**

Request for approval General Fund Checks #6773 thru #6809, for the purpose of paying Township accounts in the amount of \$26,973.51 (including an EFPTS). Also Fire Fund Checks #1295 thru #1298 for the purpose of paying bills in the amount of \$685.05. **Motion made by Maryanne Goodman with a second by John Rothhaar to approve the payment of Township accounts. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, John Rothhaar, Sally Casey (absent), Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe Nays; none.**

**Additional Agenda items:** Under new business.

**Public comment:** None

**Guests:** None

**Correspondence:**

**INCOMING:**

1. Benzonia Library newsletter.
2. More information on the dredging situation.
3. We had a Risk Assessment visit through our insurance carrier and there were no issues found.
4. Email received about an article written by Beau Valance that was in the Betsie Current newspaper about our Cleanup Day.

**OUTGOING:**

1. Thank you letters sent to all the volunteers for their time and help during the Cleanup days this year.
2. Thank you letters sent to all Election Inspectors for their efforts at the August Primary.

**New Business:**

1. Information on a survey for broadband services. Link is available from the Clerk.
2. Clerk recently learned that Dawn Olney was selected as the County Clerk of the Year.
3. West Michigan bank has recently changed their name to West Shore Bank.

**Old Business:**

**County updates:** Vance Bates, County Commissioner gave an update on the County. No move in date has been set for the Maples. K-9 dog has been retired and the business that the dog was purchased from is now out of business. The County will be looking at fund raising options for the purchase and upkeep of a new dog.

**Township Depts.:** Planning Commission- Next meeting will be held on Thursday September 15 at 6:30. They will be discussing road issues.  
Zoning Administrator- 28 land use permits have been issued with 1/3 of those for new homes.  
Assessor- She will be finishing up looking at new construction and will be going out with the County to finish up the sales.

**Public input and general discussion:** The Clerk will have extra hours for the issuance of absentee ballot applications and ballots (after testing has been completed). The hours will be advertised.

Bill and Maryanne attended a Fire Board meeting and there was a presentation for a new fire truck. It is smaller but still has good pumping capacity.

Meeting adjourned: 7:35pm

In Attendance: 11

Anna Grobe, Clerk

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