

MONTHLY MEETING  
August 3, 2017

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

**The Pledge of Allegiance:** recited by all.

**Roll Call:** Present: Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Bill Robinson, Dotty Blank and Maryanne Goodman.

**Minutes:** July 6, 2017 Meeting. Approved as submitted.

**Financial Reports:** General Fund and Fire Fund presented by Maryanne Goodman. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Sally Casey to approve the reports as read. Roll call vote: Ayes; John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson, Dotty Blank and Sally Casey. Nays; None.**

**Budget Amendment:** Budget Amendments to the general fund presented by Maryanne Goodman. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by John Rothhaar to approve the budget amendments as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey and John Rothhaar. Nays; None.**

**Payment of Township Accounts:** Request for approval of General Fund Checks #7101 through #7136, in the amount of \$30,375.49 for the purpose of paying Township accounts, also EFPTS payment of \$2,381.24 and Fire Fund Checks #1324 through #1326 in the amount of \$38,676.79. **Motion made by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Sally Casey to approve the payment of Township accounts. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, John Rothhaar and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; None.**

**Additional Agenda items:**

**Public comment:**

**Guests:** Rebecca Koteskey, Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network, gave a presentation on invasive plants and asked that the Township consider placing a dumpster specifically for garlic mustard during the months of May and June.

**Correspondence:**

**Incoming:**

1. Benzie Senior Resources newsletter.
2. Letter from Benzie Co. Solid Waste Dept. informing us of an increase in the recycling fee, from \$22.00 to \$25.00.
3. Letter from Charter Communications informing us of price increases.
4. Letter from DEQ informing us of a public hearing on the drinking water revolving fund.
5. Email from Matt Skeels, BCRC with information on our truck route ordinance.
6. Email from Darcy Library informing us of the number of Lake Township residents that use the Library.
7. Email from PLIA with a synopsis of the 2016 swimmers itch study.

**Outgoing:**

1. Letter to Benzie County Road Commission asking that they request a speed study along Crystal Dr. within Lake Township.
2. Construction authorization to Benzie County Road Commission for storm drain on Ash Ave.

**New Business:**

1. Extra cost associated with demolition of Township garage. Prior to demolition it was decided to have two trees removed so the new structure could be pushed back on our property, which increased the cost. **Motion by Bill Robinson, seconded by Dotty Blank to approve the extra costs for the demolition of the garage. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson and Dotty Blank. Nays: None.**
2. Agreements with Libraries, Historical Society and Friends of Point Betsie Lighthouse.

**Old Business:**

1. Pole barn bids. The Township Board reviewed the two proposals submitted. **Motion by John Rothhaar, seconded by Sally Casey to grant the bid to R&L Builders. Roll call vote: Ayes; Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Bill Robinson and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; None.**

**County Updates:**

Art Jeannot, County Commissioner, not present but did drop off his report which highlighted EMS, Emergency Management, Planning Commission Equalization Department, Finance/IT Director, Human Resource Committee, Central Dispatch, Veterans Memorial and Platte Township.

**Township Depts.:**

Planning Commission – Discussed Matt Skeels email on our Truck Route Ordinance, gave an overview of the swimmers itch report and stated their next meeting is Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Zoning Administrator– 30 land use permits have been issued, of those five are new construction, two rebuilds. He also said there is someone who is interested in a Marijuana grow farm, and he will be at the next Planning Commission meeting.

Assessor – AMAR audit went quite well, only one deficiency which has already been corrected. July Board of Review had 22 petitions.

**Public Comment:** Maryanne said our Township Audit went well, auditors said we did a fine job. John Rothhaar said the email from the road commission concerning our truck route ordinance was confusing, sections that were cited are not relevant to what our ordinance covers. He suggested we contact the road commission and ask for clarification, he also suggested we contact MTA for their opinion. Clerk reminded those in attendance of the election on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Sally also mention the clean-up scheduled for August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 pm.

In Attendance: 6

Dotty Blank, Clerk