

MONTHLY MEETING
December 7, 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, Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson, and Dotty Blank.

Minutes: November 2, 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; Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson and Dotty Blank. 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; John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson, Dotty Blank, and Sally Casey. Nays; None.**

Payment of Township Accounts: Request for approval of General Fund Checks #7225 through #7255, (checks #7250 voided) in the amount of \$14,478.37 for the purpose of paying Township accounts, also EFPTS payment of \$1,725.24 and Fire Fund Checks #1334 and #1335 in the amount of \$111.72. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Sally Casey to approve the payment of township accounts as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, and John Rothhaar. Nays; None.**

Additional Agenda items:

Public comment:

Guests: Bill Kennis, Benzie Bus presented their 2017 annual report, highlights were fuel cost are down 11%, riders are up 12% and out of county riders are up 13%.
Chuck Clarke, Friends of Point Betsie Lighthouse gave an update on their road end project, expecting to hear from DNR trust fund on the grant request, they are applying for a Rotary charities grant and are requesting a letter of support for a DEQ coastal zone management program grant.

Correspondence:

Incoming:

1. David Schaffer, Solid Waste/Recycling Director update on replacing 30 yard recycling bins with 10 yard dumpster style bins.
2. Road Commission, township funded project payment plan policy.
3. Friends of Point Betsie Lighthouse requesting Township support of a grant application.
4. Benzie Senior Resources newsletter.
5. Point Betsie Lighthouse newsletter.
6. DEQ loan arranger newsletter.
7. NW Michigan Invasive Species Network requesting Township support of a grant request.

Outgoing:

1. Letter to DNR requesting assistance with improving Arborvitae Rd.
2. Letter to Benzie County Sheriff's Office informing them that the Township approved \$300.00 in financial assistance for the snowmobile program.

New Business:

1. Letter of support for Friends of Point Betsie Lighthouse grant request. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by John Rothhaar to prepare a letter of support for their application with the DEQ coastal zone management program grant. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Doty Blank, Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; None.**
2. Resolution for poverty exemption for 2018. **Motion by Dotty Blank, seconded by Sally Casey to approve the poverty exemption for 2018 and federal guidelines as presented. Roll call vote: Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman and Bill Robinson. Nays; None.**
3. TBA tax collection agreement for 2018. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by John Rothhaar to approve the TBA tax agreement for 2018 as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson and Dotty Blank. Nays; None.**
4. Letter of support for Grand Traverse Conservation District Invasive Species Network for their grant application through the US Forest Service. **Motion by Dotty Blank, seconded by Sally Casey to prepare of letter of support of their grant application through the US Forest Service. Roll call vote: Ayes; John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson, Dotty Blank and Sally Casey. Nays; None.**

Old Business: None

County Updates: Art Jeannot presented his county update covering Benzie Senior Resources, Point Betsie, Road Commission, Village of Benzonia and a Class Action Lawsuit against the pharmaceutical companies they have been asked to join.

Township Depts.: Planning Commission – next meeting in January, 2018, they will continue to do research on outdoor wood burning furnaces.
Zoning Administrator – 46 permits issued this year more than any previous year, including 10 new homes and 4 total rebuilds.
Assessor – 82 parcels with new construction need to be measured, Board of Review is scheduled for December 12th, 10 corrections need to be made.

Public Comment: Anna Grobe asked if the 2018 clean-up dates have been set. Sally to contact Republic Waste in January.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55 pm.
In Attendance: 11

Dotty Blank, Clerk