

MONTHLY MEETING  
July 6, 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:** June 1, 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 and fire 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 #7066 through #7100 (check #7072 voided), in the amount of \$15,966.26 for the purpose of paying Township accounts, also EFPTS payment of \$1,947.75 and Fire Fund Checks #1322 through #1323 in the amount of \$84.61. Money Market check #725 in the amount of \$791.00, postage for tax bills, also online debit card purchase in the amount of \$39.99 for Norton Security update. Check #7057 dated 6/1/2017 voided reissued with this month's payables. **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:** A group of citizens who live along Crystal Dr. requested the Township reduce the speed along Crystal Dr. for safety reasons. They were informed that the Township does not have that authority. Brad Schaub, Benzie County Road Commission Superintendent was in attendance and he informed the group that the request for a speed study has to be made through the Michigan State Police. The Township will send a letter to the Road Commission requesting they contact the Office of Highway Safety and Planning to do a speed study long Crystal Dr. within Lake Township.

**Guests:** Brad Schaub, Benzie County Road Commission, gave the Township Board information on the need for a storm drain on Ash Ave. and Beech St. along with the cost of repair, the area is flooding after a hard rain. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Bill Robinson to pay no more than \$2,510.00, which represents the Township portion of the cost of repair. Roll call vote: Ayes; John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson, Dotty Blank and Sally Casey. Nays; None.**

Pam Radabaugh, Township representative to the Betsie Shores District Library presented the Library's 2016 report. There was a question about what people can do if they don't live in the district. Pam said anyone can now take a book out, but not use the overdrive system.

**Correspondence:**

**Incoming:**

1. Benzie Senior Resources newsletter.
2. Benzie Area Historical Society newsletter.
3. Email from Kelly Dalton regarding park signs.
4. Email from Brad Schaub, BCRC, regarding storm drain on Ash Ave. along with cost estimate for repair.
5. Email from Planning Commission recommending the Township send a letter to the State of Michigan opposing the passage of HB 503 and SB 329 (short term rentals).
6. Email from Benzie Conservation District on Ann Lake water tour.
7. Letter from MTA encouraging the Township to adopt Principles of Governance.
8. Benzonia Public Library newsletter.

**Outgoing:**

1. Request for reimbursement of election costs sent to Benzie County Schools.
2. Request for reimbursement of cost for fire building rental and utilities sent to the City of Frankfort.

**New Business:**

1. Two bids were received for construction of a new pole building to replace garage. After bids were opened it was decided that no decision be made until all board members had a chance to review the bids. A decision will be made at the August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
2. Letter opposing HB 4503 and SB 329, short term rentals. **Motion by Sally Casey, seconded by Dotty Blank to send a letter to Senator Darwin Booher and Representative Curtis VanderWall opposing HB 4503 and SB 329 regarding short term rentals. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson and Dotty Blank. Nays: None.**
3. It was agreed that the Township Board sign the Principles of Governance as recommended by MTA.

**Old Business:**

1. Township clean-up was a success, 118 cars loads, 5 cars came back twice and 2 cars came back three times.

**County Updates:** Art Jeannot, County Commissioner submitted his county report. He spoke about the county trying to reorganize the county planning committee. He also talked about the need for a County Finance/IT director.

**Township Depts.:** Planning Commission – At their June meeting they recommended the Township Board oppose HB 4503 and SB 329, short term rentals. Also to contact the Road Commission about the placement of signs on roads that were designated in the Truck Route ordinance as “No thru trucks”. The next meeting is scheduled in September, one item that will be discussed is outdoor wood burning furnaces.  
Zoning Administrator - No report  
Assessor – Getting ready for State audit, July Board of Review will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

***Public Comment:*** Brad Schaub, BCRS informed the Board that Networks Northwest will be hosting a meeting about new law pending that would allow communication towers be allowed in road right of ways.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:26 pm.

In Attendance: 25

Dotty Blank, Clerk