

MONTHLY MEETING
May 4, 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: of April 6, 2017. 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: None

Payment of Township Accounts:

Request for approval of General Fund Checks #7005 thru #7032, in the amount of \$10,597.53 for the purpose of paying Township accounts, also EFPTS payment of \$1,623.52 and Fire Fund Checks #1318 thru #1319 in the amount of \$178.33. **Motion made by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by John Rothhaar to approve the payment of Township accounts. Roll call vote: Ayes; John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson, Dotty Blank, and Sally Casey. Nays; None.**

Additional Agenda items:

Public comment:

Guests: Paul Olson, Municipal Underwrites of Michigan. Paul went over our insurance coverage and answered questions on the need for Hold Harmless Agreements with canoe liveries. He suggested Lake Township be added as additional insured on their liability policies. There are two grant periods this year, April 1st through May 30, 2017 and October 1st through November 30, 2017. Information is on their website.

Correspondence:

Incoming:

1. Meeting notes from the National Park Service on the Water Safety event scheduled for 6/17/2017.
2. Newsletter from DEQ on drinking water projects.
3. Letter from Charter Communications informing us they have moved certain programs to new channels.
4. Letter from Kelly Dalton asking us to reconsider the sign she designed for the Township Park.
5. Letter from Planning Commission on election of new officers for fiscal year 2017/2018.
6. Email from Road Commission informing the Township that it may be possible to get certain roads paved; also paving estimates.
7. Information letter that Consumers Energy has requested a rate increase for the generation and distribution of electricity.
8. Letter from Planning Commission recommending a Truck Route Ordinance.
9. Benzie Area Historical Society newsletter.
10. Email from Benzie Conservation District, they are looking for volunteers for the aquatic insect collection on 5/13/2017.

Outgoing: None.

New Business:

1. Road brining proposal for 2017. Motion by Bill Robinson seconded by Maryanne Goodman to approve one brining of 2.90 miles at the cost of \$793.52 also to authorize a second brining at the same price if needed. **Roll call vote: Ayes: Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, and John Rothhaar. Nays: None.**
2. Fire and First Responder contracts with City of Frankfort. Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by John Rothhaar to approve the contracts as submitted. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, John Rothhaar and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; None.**
3. Summer road patrol: the Township has budgeted money for summer road patrol with Benzie County Sheriff's Office. Supervisor, Bill Robinson has made the changes for this year's patrol and we are awaiting the final contract from the county.
4. Truck Route Ordinance. Motion by Maryanne Goodman seconded by Sally Casey to approve the Truck Route Ordinance as submitted. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson and Dotty Blank. Nays; None.**
5. Road Commission paving estimates. After discussion it was decided that Arborvitae, Birch Trail and Birch Point would be the first roads paved. Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by John Rothhaar to accept the paving estimates from the Road Commission for Arborvitae, Birch Trail and Birch Point and to authorize Bill Robinson to sign the contract for the paving not to exceed the amount of \$85,000.00. **Roll call vote: Ayes; John Rothhaar,**

Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson, Dotty Blank and Sally Casey. Nays; None.

6. Assessor hours. Motion by Dotty Blank, seconded by Maryanne Goodman that Lake Township adopt a policy that the Assessor be available to the public for the purpose of viewing or copying public records on Monday and Wednesday from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. This policy is required for Carol's AMAR certification Motion carried. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson and Dotty Blank. Nays: None.**
7. Maryanne Goodman presented a proposed sign to be placed in the Township Park recommending the use of life jackets. Motion by John Rothhaar seconded by Dotty Blank to authorize Maryanne Goodman to order two signs for the Township Park. **Roll call vote: Ayes; John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson, Dotty Blank and Sally Casey. Nays; None.**

Old Business:

Bids for demolition of township garage. Two bids were received; one from AJ'S excavating for \$1,700.00, the other from Kerby's Backhoe Service for \$2,800.00. Motion by Bill Robinson, seconded by Dotty Blank to accept the bid from AJ'S Excavating in the amount of \$1,700.00 for the demolition of the township garage. **Roll call vote: Ayes; John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson, Dotty Blank and Sally Casey. Nays; None.**

County Updates:

Art Jeannot, County Commissioner submitted a county report, Solid Waste; need to find a new location for the recycling containers at the Road Commission. Veterans' Wall Memorial ceremony to be held at 2 pm on Memorial Day. Maples plan to repurpose the old facility is being explored. New Medical Examiner, Animal Control millage and Benzie Senior Resources millage.

Township Depts.:

Planning Commission – Next meeting June 8, 2017.
Zoning Administrator- 11 permits so far in 2017, no new construction, only additions and decks. He sent letters to property owners along Woodland Dr. reminding them that Woodland Dr. is open to the public and cannot be blocked. He also sent letters to two property owners on Birch Point Rd. explaining that camping is not allowed, and that temporary housing is allowed only during construction of a permanent dwelling.
Assessor- Measurement of sales study are complete.

Public input and general discussion: Little Platte Lake Association is organizing garlic mustard pulls on two weekends, May 13th and 14th, and May 20th and 21st. They will be meeting at the Trading Post at 10:00 am.

Meeting adjourned: 8:50 pm.

In Attendance: 11

Dotty Blank, Clerk