

MONTHLY MEETING
November 2, 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: October 5, 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 #7195 through #7224, (checks #7216 and #7222 voided) in the amount of \$20,588.31 for the purpose of paying Township accounts, also EFPTS payment of \$1,790.83 and Fire Fund Checks #1332 and #1333 in the amount of \$97.31 **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Sally Casey to approve the payment of township accounts as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, John Rothhaar and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; None.**

Additional Agenda items:

Public comment:

Guests: Charles Emery, Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes along with Dan Ostrowski, NPS, requested the Township sponsor their request for a \$22,000.00 grant from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians 2% program. The money would be used to remove the old fishing platform at Bass Lake and replace it with a floating dock which would meet ADA requirements, in addition the access trails would be upgraded. Discussion of how the grant would be managed and the required reporting followed. **Motion by John Rothhaar, seconded by Dotty Blank that Lake Township sponsor their**

request and submit the necessary paperwork for the \$22,000.00 grant. Roll call vote: Ayes; Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman and Bill Robinson. Nays; None.

Correspondence:

Incoming:

1. National Park Service new pass and campground fee schedule.
2. Planning Commission recommendation to pass a resolution to “opt out” of any medical marijuana facilities.
3. Request for financial assistance for the snowmobile safety program from Benzie County Sheriff’s Office.
4. Benzie Senior Resources newsletter.
5. Benzonia Public Library newsletter.

Outgoing:

1. Letter to Benzie County Road Commission letting them know we are willing to split the cost of the Ash Ave. drain project overage.
2. Letter of support for Benzie Conservation District’s grant application.

New Business:

1. Resolution to “opt out” of any medical marijuana facilities. **Motion by Bill Robinson, seconded by John Rothhaar to approve the resolution to “opt out” of any medical marijuana facilities. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson and Dotty Blank. Nays; None.**
2. Financial assistance for the snowmobile safety program. **Motion by Dotty Blank, seconded by Maryanne Goodman to provided financial assistance in the amount of \$300.00 to the Benzie County Sheriff’s Office for the 2017/2018 snowmobile safety program. Roll call vote: Ayes; John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson, Dotty Blank and Sally Casey. Nays; None.**
3. The Board gave approval to publish a bid request new carpeting in the township meeting room. The bid will be for removal and disposal of existing carpeting, purchase and installation of new commercial carpeting.

Old Business:

1. Ash Ave. drain project. Benzie County Road Commission responded to our letter on splitting the cost of our portion on the project overage. They said the final cost came in over the estimate due to unexpected site conditions encountered during the project. Lake Township approved a 50/50 split of their estimate and they feel the final invoice is in keeping with the original agreement. The board decided in the future to get bids for projects, not estimates. **Motion by John Rothhaar, seconded by Maryanne Goodman to approve the final payment of \$1,116.33. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson and Dotty Blank. Nays; None.**

County Updates: No report.

Township Depts.: Planning Commission - held meeting 10/19/2017 discussed outdoor wood burning furnaces, nothing currently in ordinance covering them, they will continue to do research on them. Recommended resolution to “opt out” of any medical marijuana facilities.
Zoning Administrator – 44 permits issued this year, including 8 new homes and 2 total rebuilds.
Assessor – she has 75 parcels with new construction she needs to look at, CPI for next year is 2.1%, also BOR meeting is scheduled for December 12th.

Public Comment: Maryanne Goodman had questions on when the construction of the pole barn would start.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 pm.

In Attendance: 13

Dotty Blank, Clerk