

MONTHLY MEETING
September 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, Bill Robinson, Dotty Blank and Maryanne Goodman.

Minutes: August 3, 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: None

Payment of Township Accounts: Request for approval of General Fund Checks #7137 through #7170, in the amount of \$22,482.41 for the purpose of paying Township accounts, also EFPTS payment of \$2,398.55 and Fire Fund Checks #1327 through #1329 in the amount of \$493.37. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by John Rothhaar to approve the payment of Township accounts as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson, Dotty Blank, and Sally Casey. Nays; None.**

Additional Agenda items:

Public comment: Dredging equipment is in place at the mouth of river.

Guests: None.

Correspondence:

Incoming:

1. Michigan Department of Treasury with results of the Assessors AMAR audit.
2. Michigan public service commission, information of a hearing for DTE gas request for approval to reconcile its gas recovery costs.
3. Benzie Conservation District information on Forestry Field Day.
4. DEQ, public hearing on State revolving fund and water quality initiatives fund.

5. Email for Leelanau County Planning Commission on a free training session on Medical Marijuana Facilities.
6. Proposed amendments to the Benzie Co. Planning Commission Ordinance.
7. Benzie County Road Commission information on Distributed Antenna systems permitting.
8. Platte Lake Improvement Associations 2017 annual report.
9. Benzie County Road Commission information on speed study and truck route ordinance.
10. MTA information on Medical Marijuana facilities Opt-In/Opt-Out sample ordinance.
11. Baird, Cotter & Bishop annual audit report for Lake Township.
12. Benzie Senior Resources newsletter.
13. FEMA meeting on great lakes coastal flood risk review and draft maps for Benzie County.
14. Benzonia public library newsletter.
15. Sleeping Beard Dunes news release concerning dredging of Platte River.

Outgoing:

1. Authorization for road projects on Arborvitae Dr., Birch Trail and Birch Point.
2. Letter to David Vogler informing him he was not the successful bidder for the pole barn.
3. Letter to Lance Burns, R&L Builders informing him that he was awarded the bid for the pole barn.
4. Email to Road Commission and MTA with questions on our truck route ordinance.

New Business:

1. The Benzie County Road Commission is asking Townships if they are interested in any asphalt paving projects for Township local roads for the 2018 construction season. Supervisor Robinson has prepared a list of roads from the 2017 paving estimates we received from the Road Commission that he feels we should consider. They are Highland Dr., Orchard Lane, Deer Ridge Trail and White Birch Trail. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by John Rothhaar to send the list of recommended roads to the Benzie County Road Commission for an official cost estimate. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey and John Rothhaar. Nays; None.**

Old Business:

1. Speed study - we received information from the Benzie County Road Commission of an unofficial speed study they did along Crystal Dr. in August. The results show the 85th percentile speed was 44 mph eastbound and 46 mph westbound. Current State law states that the speed shall be posted at the 85th percentile, if this was an official study the speed limit may be raised to 45 mph. Their advice was not to pursue a speed study at this time, state law may be changing to allow the speed limit to be set at the 50th percentile speed, which in this case was 40 mph in both directions. The decision of the Board was that we not pursue a speed study at this time, rather than risking the limit being raised.

2. Truck route ordinance – It was the Board’s decision that we contact the Benzie County Road Commission and insist they move ahead with the truck route signage. We do not feel Deadstream Rd. or Crystal Dr. are part of the National Network that was cited in Matt’s email, if at some point we find that these roads are part of the network and we are in jeopardy of repaying federal funds used to improve the roads we can withdraw any portion of our ordinance that is causing the problem.

3. Clean-up - Sally reported that there were 99 residents with 107 loads of trash who took advantage of clean-up day, the trucks were ¾ full. She went on to thank all the volunteers and suggested we put restrictions on the size of boards that are accepted, no longer than 4 ft. also that small items be put in containers so they are easier to handle.

County Updates:

Art Jeannot, County Commissioner, gave report on EMS, Economic Development, Building Authority, Sheriff Department and Solid Waste. Questions were asked about the tax revolving fund and the IT/Finance position.

Township Depts.:

Planning Commission -Next meeting 9/14/17, agenda items outdoor wood burning furnaces, medical marijuana facilities opt in/opt out ordinance.
Zoning Administrator – 36 land use permits issued, ahead of 2016
Assessor – One problem with values on AMAR audit and fourteen classification differences, she has submitted corrective action plan.

Public Comment:

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 pm.

In Attendance: 8

Dotty Blank, Clerk