

MONTHLY MEETING

May 2, 2024

Meeting: Meeting called to order by Jeff Johnson at 7:00PM

Pledge of Allegiance: recited by all.

Roll Call: Present: Jeff Johnson, Kyle Orr, Maryanne Goodman, Sally Casey. Absent: Anna Grobe.

Minutes: Approval of April 4, 2024. Election Committee meeting minutes for the appointment of Inspectors for the May7, Special Election. **Motion by Kyle Orr, seconded by Sally Casey. Ayes; All. Absent; Anna Grobe. Nays; None.**

Financial Reports: General Fund presented by Maryanne Goodman. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Kyle Orr to approve the general fund report as read. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, Jeff Johnson, Maryanne Goodman, Kyle Orr. Anna Grobe; absent. Nays; None.**

Fire Fund presented by Maryanne Goodman. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Sally Casey. Roll call vote: Ayes; Kyle Orr, Sally Casey, Jeff Johnson, Maryanne Goodman. Anna Grobe; absent. Nays; None.**

Budget Amendments: General Fund budget amendments presented by Maryanne Goodman to add additional line for Office Equipment for \$2,000 for items, such as the new printer and add new line for Zoning Administrator as independent contractor and reallocate \$18,000 from salary to contractor line. **Motion by Kyle Orr, seconded by Maryanne Goodman to approve general fund budget amendments as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman, Kyle Orr, Jeff Johnson. Anna Grobe; absent. Nays; None.**

Fire Fund budget amendments presented by Maryanne Goodman for Protection Contract increase of \$22,000. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Jeff Johnson to approve Fire Fund budget amendments as presented. Roll Call vote: Ayes; Jeff Johnson, Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman, Kyle Orr. Anna Grobe; absent. Nays; None.**

Payment of Township Accounts: Request for approval of checks #9631 through #9664 in the amount \$18,497.67 for the purpose of paying Township accounts, this includes VOIDED checks #9660 & #9661 and an EFPTS payment of \$1,336.17. **Motion by Sally Casey, seconded by Kyle Orr to approve the payment of township accounts as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Kyle Orr, Jeff Johnson, Sally Casey. Anna Grobe; absent. Nays; None.**

Request for approval of Fire Fund checks #1547 through #1548 in the amount of \$178.71. Motion by Kyle Orr, Jeff Johnson to approve the payment of Fire Fund checks as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Kyle Orr, Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman, Jeff Johnson. Anna Grobe; absent. Nays; None.

Additional agenda items and announcements: ARPA reporting is done.

Public Comment on Agenda: Art Jeannot acknowledged Maryanne Goodman and township for taking advantage of interest rates in opening CDs and also putting zoning administrator as independent contractor, saving money for the township.

Guests: Chris DeGood from Beckett & Raeder presented update on park project and boat launch **landing**. with drawings. Floating dock was recommended. Chris to check with Dock Doctors for additional pricing option. Would like to move forward with permit and EGLE.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Response letter from the City of Frankfort Mayor regarding the fire contract.
2. Fire Report for March/April 2024
3. ParPlan newsletter.
4. Fliers for the garlic mustard dumpsters.
5. Letter of resignation from Dan Georgevich as an alternate on the ZBA.
6. Review of Speed Limit determination (MCL Section 257.628) – Recommendation for Jeff Johnson to contact road commission to make them aware of new law.
7. Benzonia Public Library newsletter

OUTGOING:

1. Letter sent to the City of Frankfort for reimbursement for rent and utilities for Fire Building.

New Business:

- A. Brining contract. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Jeff Johnson to approve contract for first application of brining and to request approval before second application. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, Kyle Orr, Jeff Johnson, Maryanne Goodman. Anna Grobe; absent. Nays; None.**
- B. Added a new line item in the budget. Zoning Administrator to be paid from AP. Information covered in Finance Report.
- C. Review of access along private roads. Possible options were discussed. **Motion by Jeff Johnson to move attorney draft to a Police Power Ordinance. Motion failed.** Suggestion made to have Zoning Administrator address with residence over the next month and share results with Board and Planning Commission and get on Planning Commission June 5, 2024 meeting agenda. Homework suggested was to see if Public Hearing is needed for Police Power Ordinance.

D. Clean Up Day Recycling – Mike (Metal Man) will be charged \$400 for large recycling bin. **Motion by Sally Casey to give \$600 to Mike (Metal Man), \$400 for bin/\$250 for Mike. Motion failed.** Sally Casey will check to see if charge is \$400 for both cleaning days or each. She will bring information to next month meeting.

Old Business:

- A. Eclipse – Tabled to get clarity.
- B. Fire Millage – Will check to see if millage is up 2024 or 2025. Want to get on August ballot to avoid ballot fatigue. Suggestion was made to include language “up to”. Revisit in June.

County Update: Commissioner Jeannot District 2, written report and answered a few questions.
Commissioner Cunningham District 3, written report.

Township Departments:

Planning Commission: Next Meeting June 5, 6:30PM; Met last week and have RFP responses to be ready for June meeting.

Zoning Administrator: Submitted written report.

Code Enforcement Officer: Performing last STR; 70 STRs so far. Will be cleaning benches and tables next week.

Assessor: Submitted written report.

Park Committee: Will be meeting shortly to review plans from Beckett & Raeder. Question, Will kiosk be included in plan or complete on our own. Will revisit at June meeting.

Supervisor's report: Submitted written report.

Public Comment: David Egeler introduced himself as candidate for Benzie County Probate Judge.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:25PM
10 people in attendance

Penny Georgevich, Deputy Clerk