

MONTHLY MEETING
August 8, 2024

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

The Pledge of Allegiance: recited by all.

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

Minutes: Approved of July 5, 2024 meeting minutes as presented.

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; Maryanne Goodman, Jeff Johnson, Sally Casey, Kyle Orr & Anna Grobe. Nays; None.**

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

Budget Amendment: none

Payment of Township Accounts: Request for approval of General Fund checks #9755 through #9803 in the amount of \$40,686.63 for the purpose of paying Township accounts, this includes an EFPTS payment of \$2,168.24. **Motion by Sally Casey, seconded by Kyle Orr, to approve the payment of township accounts as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Jeff Johnson, Kyle Orr, Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman & Anna Grobe. Nays; None.**

Request for approval of Fire Fund checks #1553 through #1556 in the amount of \$792.79. Check # 1555 was voided and reissued as check #1556 **Motion by Kyle Orr, seconded by Sally Casey to approve the payment of Fire Fund checks as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Kyle Orr, Maryanne Goodman, Sally Casey & Jeff Johnson. Nays; None.**

Additional Agenda items:

1. Reminder that cleanup day will be August 17 from 8-noon. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the office.
2. Additional incoming correspondence.
3. Treasurer request.
4. New Business

Public comment on Agenda: none

Guests: John Mead, candidate for Probate Judge introduced himself.

Christina Trigg, candidate for County Commissioner, 3rd District introduced herself.

Mike Cederholm, Frankfort Fire Dept. gave an update on the number of runs to date. Fire Advisory meeting to be held on August 22 at 6pm at the Fire Dept.

Correspondence:

Incoming:

1. Benzie Senior Resources newsletters.
2. ParPlan newsletter.
3. Benzie Shores District Library newsletter.
4. Benzonia Public Library newsletter.
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Outgoing:

1. Letter of support sent to EGLE for the Point Betsie restoration project.

New Business:

- A. Quotes for upgrades to the lights and sprinkler control box at the park. Tabled until September. Clerk will contact companies for more information.
- B. Proposals for the review/updating of the Zoning Ordinance. Two bids received. Recommendation from the Planning Commission to contract with Beckett & Raeder. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, to approve the update option at a cost of \$29,400 with a second by Anna Grobe to contract with Beckett and Raeder for the review, as quoted. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman, Jeff Johnson, Kyle Orr & Anna Grobe. Nays; none.**
- C. Draft Ordinance for the intentional blockage of private roads. Jeff gave a brief background on the issue. A public hearing must be held before adoption.
- D. Request from the Treasurer to approve a charge of \$25.00 for returned checks, including ACH payments. Also, approval to use \$3.00 as an under/over amount on tax payments. Township would cover under payments up to \$3.00 and keep any over payments of \$3.00 and under. These amounts would be added or subtracted from the Admin. Fee at the final disbursement in March. Approved by consent judgement.
- E. Compensation for training of new officials. Only discussion at this time. Will be re-visited as time get closer.

Old Business:

- A. Fire Millage. Final language approved. Millage will be increased to .3949mills (\$.05 per \$1000 of taxable value) for a period of 5 years. **Motion by Kyle Orr with a second by Jeff Johnson to approve the request. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Kyle Orr, Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman & Jeff Johnson. Nays; none.**
- B. Cancellation of contract with Eclipse. Not receiving support and information requested. Contract states that notice must be given three months in advance of

cancellation. We will begin to search for new company before requesting cancellation.

County Updates: Commissioner Art Jeannot, District 2- written report
Commissioner Karen Cunningham , District 3-written report

Township Departments:

Planning Commission: Next meeting scheduled for August 22 at 6:30

Zoning Administrator: Written report submitted on zoning activities for July, 2024.

Code Enforcement Officer: Written report submitted.

Assessor: Written report.

Park Committee: Permits are being reviewed by EGLE.

Supervisor: Submitted a written report. Had an issue with the pump at the park. Contacted Cluff Well Drilling and issue was resolved. May need a new switch-box. Met with Tim Markey about the possibility of reuniting with Homestead Township Fire Dept. for coverage of the northern portion of the Township.

Election: Other than a few hiccups at the state level early voting went well. Inspectors from Platte and Lake worked well together. Total of 50 votes cast during early voting. Election day went well also. Total of 443 votes cast with 279 absentee ballots cast and 164 voters in the polls. November election should have a higher turnout. Clerk will begin working on website design.

Public Comment: Question was asked about the lumens of the proposed new lights in the building. Information was available in the quotes received. Website given to check the status of the permit for the park. Suggestion on waiting to order signs. Have we considered a parking meter unit similar to what is used in Empire?

Concern raised on the status of Long Lake now being an all sports lake. The Township has no input of usage of waterways. Suggested to contact DNR. That was done and individual was told to contact the Township. Art Jeanot will assist in getting correct contact to see what can be done.

Missed New Business: Clerk asked about second brining of roads. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Jeff Johnson to contact BCRC to approve second brining. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Kyle Orr, Jeff Johnson, Sally Casey & Maryanne Goodman. Nays; none.**

Meeting Adjourned: 9:05 pm.
In attendance: 14

Anna Grobe, Clerk