

MONTHLY MEETING
September 5, 2024

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

The Pledge of Allegiance: recited by all.

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

Minutes: Approval of August 8, 2024 meeting minutes as presented.

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

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

Budget Amendment: none

Payment of Township Accounts: Request for approval of General Fund checks #9804 through #9862 in the amount of \$48,190.20 for the purpose of paying Township accounts, this includes an EFPTS payment of \$2956.75. **Motion by Sally Casey, seconded by Kyle Orr, to approve the payment of township accounts as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Kyle Orr, Jeff Johnson, Maryanne Goodman and Sally Casey. Absent; Anna Grobe. Nays; None.**

Request for approval of Fire Fund checks #1557 through #1560 in the amount of \$69,022.74. **Motion by Kyle Orr, seconded by Maryanne Goodman to approve the payment of Fire Fund checks as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Sally Casey, Kyle Orr and Jeff Johnson. Absent; Anna Grobe. Nays; None.**

Additional Agenda items:

Public comment on Agenda: Question asked about township splitting Fire Service between Frankfort and Homestead Twp, will be discussed during old business.

Guests: none

Correspondence:

Incoming:

1. Benzie Conservation District Newsletter
2. Benzie Shores District Library - upcoming events
3. Benzie County Master Plan Update
4. Benzie Senior Resources
5. Notice of hearing for The Michigan Public Service Commission & Gas Customers of DTE Gas Company (Case No. U-21272)

Outgoing:

New Business:

- A. Resolution to apply for a grant for additional security cameras and one year of support.
Motion by Maryanne Goodman to apply for a Risk Reduction Grant through Michigan Township ParPlan for additional security cameras and support, with a second by Sally Casey. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman, Jeff Johnson, and Kyle Orr. Absent: Anna Grobe. Nays: none.
- B. Estimate for the replacement of the well frequency drive at the park. Tabled until next year. Reminder to discuss at Budget time.

Old Business:

- A. Update on Fire Millage.
Fire millage language was submitted too late to be included on November ballot.
- B. Cancellation of contract with Eclipse? Not receiving the support and information that is requested.
Tabled until a replacement can be identified and approved.
- C. Draft Ordinance regarding intentional blocking of private roads.
Jeff gave update. Board decided the board should have consensus on the language of the ordinance before a public hearing is held.

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

Township Departments:

Planning Commission: Update given of Special Meeting held at 5:00pm introductory meeting of Sarah Kopriva, representative from Beckett and

Raeder. She will be coming to next meeting with ideas. Next meeting scheduled for 10/24/2024, 6:30pm.

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

Code Enforcement Officer: Written report submitted.

Assessor: Written report submitted.

Park Committee: Heard back from EGLE and may be partially done. More information to come.

Supervisor: Submitted a written report. Talked with Glen Lake Electric for clarification of pricing on Township Hall lights. Met with resident about condition of Beech St.- Conversation taken to Benzie County Road Commission who said it was not a BCRC issue. Our attorney indicated that Beech St is under the jurisdiction of BCRC. Suggestion made to meet with Road Commission and review paperwork from the attorney. Supervisor to set up meeting.

Elections: No update.

Public Comment: Comments provided from Platte Lake Improvement Association on efforts to maintain quality of Platte Lakes.

Kudos for Sally Casey and her efforts with Clean-up Days.

Mike Cederholm, Frankfort Fire Department, provided update on purchasing new fire truck.

Question was brought up on considered Fire Service change of splitting service with Homestead Township. Mike Cederholm mentioned there might be change in ISO rating with splitting the service. Current ISO rating is 6/6 and he is working to reduce the rating to 5/5. The lower the ISO Rating the potential for lower insurance costs.

Comment made to adjust language on Private Road issue to clarify road width and clearance needs for fire and rescue.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:35 pm.
In attendance: 12

Penny Georgevich, Deputy Clerk