

MONTHLY MEETING
October 5, 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, & Anna Grobe. Maryanne Goodman, absent.

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

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

Budget Amendment: none

Payment of Township Accounts: Request for approval of General Fund checks #9863 through #9899 in the amount of \$31,293.28 for the purpose of paying Township accounts, this includes an EFPTS payment of \$1,611.94. **Motion by Sally Casey, seconded by Kyle Orr, to approve the payment of township accounts as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Kyle Orr, Jeff Johnson & Sally Casey. Nays; None. Absent: Maryanne Goodman.**

Request for approval of Fire Fund check # 1561 in the amount of \$12.05. **Motion by Kyle Orr, seconded by Anna Grobe to approve the payment of Fire Fund checks as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Case, Kyle Orr, Anna Grobe & Jef Johnson. Nays; None. Absent: Maryanne Goodman.**

Additional Agenda items:

1. Public Accuracy Test for the November 5 elections will be held on Tuesday October 8 at 11:00. This test will be for early voting for Platte Township/Lake Township and election day. The Election Committee meeting will be held on the same day to appoint Inspectors to work Early Voting and Election Day.
2. Additional incoming correspondence.

3. Old Business

Public comment on Agenda: none

Guests:

Mike Cederholm, Frankfort Fire Dept. gave an update on the number of runs to date.

Correspondence:

Incoming:

1. Benzie County Sheriff's report for the additional summer road patrols.
2. Report from the DNR regarding the number of salmon that have been harvested and passed at the weir.
3. Response from the attorney regarding roads. Issue tabled until November to get clarification of language before a Public Hearing is scheduled. Discussion on what should be the focus of the language and ordinance.
4. Response from Beckett & Raeder regarding the permit for the ADA kayak/canoe landing. Permit is a "place holding" if the Township wishes to add the item to the improvement plans.
5. Email from BCRC regarding road work and funding.
6. Notice of a Public Hearing on Monday October 7 at 5:15 at the Garden Theater to discuss the Ironman competition for 2025.
7. Letter of thanks for the work of the attendants at the park.
8. Benzie Senior Resource Newsletter.

Outgoing:

1. None

New Business: None

Old Business:

- A. Quotes for upgrades to the lights. Clarification of the quote from Glen Lake Electric. Motion by Jeff Johnson to award the project to Glen Lake Electric at a cost of \$4,412.00. No second offered. Jeff will check with Consumers Energy to see if there are any rebates/incentives. No support
- B. PLIA. Hand out of the comments from the September Meeting. Discussion on how LUPs are being issued in regards to watershed overlay districts. It was suggested that an additional fee be added to the permit to ensure that building is in compliance. Also, how and when to follow up with inspections.

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

Township Departments:

Planning Commission: Next meeting scheduled for October 24 at 6:30.

Zoning Administrator: Written report submitted on zoning activities for September, 2024. ZBA hearing scheduled for October 21 at 6:00.

Code Enforcement Officer: Written report submitted. Discussion on the number of permits allowed. This is open for review for 2025. Few complaints received.

Assessor: Continuing inspections of new construction. Still working on multiple land values for properties to clean up record cards. Tax Tribunal for a denial of a PRE.

Park Committee: Waiting for next steps from Beckett & Raeder.

Supervisor: Submitted a written report. Items covered under old business.

Public Comment: Question was asked about the agreement with Beckett & Raeder? It is for the review of the Zoning Ordinance.

Question was asked if the Township can deny the Ironman competition. The Township would not file a permit request with MDOT for the closure of M-22.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:26 pm.

In attendance: 9

Anna Grobe, Clerk