

MONTHLY MEETING
November 7, 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, Jeff Johnson, & Anna Grobe. Kyle Orr, absent.

Minutes: Approval of October 5, 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; Anna Grobe, Jeff Johnson, Sally Casey & Maryanne Goodman. Nays; None. Absent: Kyle Orr.** Fire Fund presented by Maryanne Goodman. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Anna Grobe to approve the fire fund report as read. Roll call vote: Ayes; Jeff Johnson, Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman & Anna Grobe. Nays; None. Absent: Kyle Orr.**

Budget Amendment: none

Payment of Township Accounts: Request for approval of General Fund checks #9900 through #9936 in the amount of \$30,227.31 for the purpose of paying Township accounts, this includes an EFPTS payment of \$1,350.87. **Motion by Sally Casey, seconded by Maryanne Goodman, to approve the payment of township accounts as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Sally Casey, Anna Grobe & Jeff Johnson. Nays; None. Absent: Kyle Orr.**

Request for approval of Fire Fund check # 1562 through # 1563 in the amount of \$94.03. **Motion by Anna Grobe, seconded by Sally Casey to approve the payment of Fire Fund checks as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Jeff Johnson, Anna Grobe & Sally Casey. Nays; None. Absent: Kyle Orr.**

Additional Agenda items:

1. Incoming correspondence; Darcy Library newsletter.
2. New Business- Road Work.
3. Guest: Mike Cederholm, Frankfort Fire Dept.; Chris DeGood, Beckett & Raeder.
4. Old Business: Lighting for meeting room/office area. Blockage of roads.
5. Email from Kyle Orr regarding his thoughts on issues that are on the agenda.

Public comment on Agenda: none

Guests:

Mike Cederholm, Frankfort Fire Dept. gave an update on the number of runs to date. Permission from NPS to draw water from any waterway in the park as needed. More dry hydrants may be a possibility along M-22. There was an issue with the Ironman riders blocking emergency vehicles as they were responding to calls. This issue is being addressed.

Chris DeGood, Beckett & Raeder gave an update on the improvements/changes at the park. EGLE has looked at the permit for the ADA canoe/kayak launch. The NPS is questioning the placement of the launch. They are worried about the impact of the flow of the river. They are also asking for placement of additional gravel to prevent erosion. Contact with 1 resident regarding the plans. Presented the Board with update plans/drawings; provided 3 options for replacement of the current kiosk. Clerk read thoughts from Kyle Orr regarding park improvements. **Motion to approve the revised permit without the ADA launch and to go forward with the plans by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Jeff Johnson. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Sally Casey, Jeff Johnson & Maryanne Goodman. Nays; none. Absent; Kyle Orr.**

Correspondence:

Incoming:

1. Update from the Benzie Wellness and Aquatic Center.
2. Report from the DNA on the harvest of salmon.
3. Report from the PLIA on the phosphorus levels.
4. Public Notice from EGLE regarding the upgrades to the Point Betsie Lighthouse.
5. Letter from Michigan Township ParPlan informing us that we have been approved our grant request for two additional security cameras and 1 year of support.
6. Benzie Senior Resources newsletter.
7. Benzonia Public Library newsletter.
8. Email from Cherry Capital Connection regarding broadband. Art Jeannot spoke about this. Requests that Tim Maylone be on the agenda for the December meeting to speak to the Board directly.
9. Report from the Frankfort Fire Dept.
10. Darcy Library newsletter.

Outgoing:

1. None

New Business:

- A. Minutes of October 8, 2024 Election Committee meeting.
- B. Agreement with the Frankfort-Elberta Area Schools for the collection of summer taxes. Reimbursement of \$4.25/parcel. **Motion by Anna Grobe with a second by Sally Casey to approve the agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman, Sally Casey & Jeff Johnson. Nays; none. Absent; Kyle Orr.**
- C. Benzie County Road Commission inquiry of any roads that the Township is looking to have work done on. None mentioned for 2025.

Old Business:

- A. Upgrade of lights. Jeff contacted Consumers Energy about rebates for upgrading lights/fixtures for meeting room and office area. Two bids received; Glen Lake Electric (\$4,412) and Martel(\$3,950). Clerk read thoughts from Kyle Orr regarding the improvements to the lighting. Motion by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Anna Grobe to award the project to Glen Lake Electric per their quote of November 4, 2024. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Sally Casey, Jeff Johnson & Anna Grobe. Nays; none. Absent; Kyle Orr. Jeff with contact Consumers and inform them of our choice and work with them to make sure that all the information is correct.
- B. Blockage of private roads. Clerk read thoughts from Kyle Orr. Attorney was contacted regarding language for a proposed Police Power Ordinance. This may result in a civil infraction. Public Hearing will be scheduled for Tuesday December 10 at 6:30 to discuss the issue. Another Public Hearing will be scheduled to before approval of the Ordinance.

County Updates:

Commissioner Karen Cunningham , District 3-written report and spoke about some programs available.

Commissioner Art Jeannot, District 2- written report and answered questions

Township Departments:

Planning Commission: Next meeting scheduled for December 12 at 6:30.

Zoning Administrator: Written report.

Code Enforcement Officer: Written report submitted.

Assessor: Following up on permits to check on progress. 1 Board of Review issue for December. 3 Tribunals; 1-denial of a PRE, 2 March Board of Review denials.

Park Committee: Covered under Chris DeGood presentation

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

Election: Thank you to all the Election Inspectors who worked Early Voting and/or Election Day. A special Thank you to John Wienold and Fresh Wind Christian Community Church for bringing goodies for the workers.

Public Comment: Handout from PLIA. Would like to see more information on compliance for LUPs and follow up reports. Zoning Administrator and CEO will work together on follow ups.

It was mentioned that we should check with the road commission on the funds that we have with them so that we don't lose them.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:04 pm.
In attendance: 15

Anna Grobe, Clerk

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