

MONTHLY MEETING  
March 5, 2009

*Meeting* called to order by Chairman Bill Robinson at 7:00 PM.

*The Pledge of Allegiance* was given.

*Roll Call:* Jim Webber, Harlan Reichle, Bill Robinson, Pamela Radabaugh and Anna Grobe.

*Minutes* of February 5, 2009, approved. With one correction: The amount of the transfer from fund 265 Building & Grounds to Fund 336 1<sup>st</sup> Responders should have been \$1,500.00. The totals are Fund 265 Building & Grounds of \$26,275.00 and Fund 336 1<sup>st</sup>. Responders of \$4,000.00.

*Treasurer's Reports* for the General Fund and Fire Fund were presented by Pamela Radabaugh. Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Harlan Reichle to accept the Reports. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Jim Webber, Bill Robinson, Harlan Reichle, Pam Radabaugh, Anna Grobe. Nays; none.**

*Additional Agenda items:*

Reminder of the Budget Workshop will be held on Friday, March 6, 2009 at 10:30.  
Public Hearing on the Budget will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 2:00.  
Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

Pam attended the Inter Governmental Cooperation Summit. She only attended the morning session. Of interest was the possibility of bringing broad band into the area. This program is connected with the UM and currently of interest is connecting schools, governments and public facilities. Also Chris Saffron gave a presentation on alternative energies. Although the use of coal and solar is not a viable option, wind power would be. We would need to have the electric backbone to handle and distribute the power.

Bill attended a meeting with the EPA on some different projects that have been done on some local roads, bridges and road crossing. The Otter Lake Watershed was also discussed. There will be some work done on the bridge there. There have been "tagging" on the brook trout to gage the migration patterns, to see if the fish are going back out to the lake or if they are staying more in Otter Creek.

*Correspondence:*

**INCOMING:**

1. Grant application information.
2. Letter from the NW MI Council of Governments regarding the MI Planning

Enabling Act.

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3. Letter from Charter Communication-information only.

### OUTGOING: None

**New Business:** 1. Bob Weaver- County Road Commission- Grant from EPA is approximately \$850,000.00 for improvements. The bridge will be improved over Otter Creek due to the damage from beavers. The planned change for the boat launch at the end of Lake Michigan Road is still in the works. The time frame for the grant is almost up for the job. The plan is starting again from scratch. He doesn't feel that the work would be started this year. The work cannot be done during the summer months or during the Coho run. Most likely the work will be in the spring. There will be drawings/plans available for public view and will be announced when they are available. At this time there are no plans to have any type of lighting at the new launch. The Road Commission also had a vote regarding the Natural Beauty designation of Sutter Road. The designation has been shortened to the East end from the top of the hill to M-22. This will help the Road Commission to do a little more maintenance of the road. The speed limit will remain at 55 MPH

2. There was a meeting for the Draft ORV Ordinance for the County. Most of the discussion centered the closure of roads due to safety concerns. Much of Lake Township would be closed due to the closure of any land West of M-22. The County Road Commission may close off 30% of the County roads. Bob Weaver was asked if the 30% would be the roads that would remain open of 30% of the total of the roads. It was mentioned that no one brought up the subject of Villages, City or Township welcoming riders into the centers of the municipalities. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 26, 2009 at 7:00 at the Governmental Center. There should be a better map at that meeting to show what roads would be open to ORV in the County. Rory Heckman, Benzie County Sheriff also spoke of the concerns of the department for safety, enforcement, which would most likely entail the purchase of at least one vehicle, training for deputies and the additional manpower, and signage. A representative from the DNR spoke about the problems that are occurring in Kalkaska County where a trail exists. There are many violations for trespassing off the trails.

**Old Business:** 1. Received a call back from the Director of Education for the Traverse City Children's Theater regarding the possible staging a production at our Township Park. She will try to see if a Saturday date in May would work.

**County Updates: Mary Pitcher, County Commissioner-** Jail renewal will be on the May 5 ballot. It will be a reduction from the 1.24 mills to .90 mills for a term of 6 years.

**Rory Heckman, County Sheriff-** School Resource Officer is back in place. He is at the Benzie Central High School and is available for the Frankfort Elberta Schools as well. There will be a jail tour held on Wednesday March 13 sponsored by the League of Women Voters and it is open to the public. He also mentioned the millage renewal. The building is now paid off and belongs to the citizens of the County. The passage of the millage will be for operations. There will be no changes in the operations of the department. A report was received of the snowmobile patrols and very little time was spent in Lake Township. With a donation from the Crystal Lake Association and from the money donated to the Snowmobile Patrols two new cold water rescue suits have been ordered. A motion was made by Bill Robinson with a second by Pam Radabaugh to donate \$150.00 to the program.

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**Roll call vote: Ayes; Harlan Reichle, Bill Robinson, Jim Webber, Pam Radabaugh, Anna Grobe. Nays; none.**

**Committee Reports: Nancy Simmons, Zoning Administrator-** Many calls have been questions from real estate appraisers on how property is zoned. Also what procedures must be followed for land splits.

**Bob Blank, Planning Commission-** Absent. There will be a Planning Commission meeting held during the third week in April. Three bids were received for help on our Master Plan. Work is still ongoing with the Zoning Ordinance.

**Public input and general discussion: 3 minute time limit.**

***Payment of Township Accounts:***

Motion by Pam Radabaugh with a second from Jim Webber to approve check # 3682 & Check # 3683 in the amount of \$1,235.09 which were paid in February, and check #3683 thru check #3713 to pay the Township accounts in the amount of \$11,922.46. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Harlan Reichle, Bill Robinson, Jim Webber, Anna Grobe, Pam Radabaugh. Nays; none.**

Meeting adjourned: 8:25 pm

In Attendance: 14

Respectfully submitted

Anna Grobe  
Clerk