

MONTHLY MEETING
August 1, 2013

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Roll Call: Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson and Anna Grobe. Absent: Rick Jones.

New Deputy Treasurer: Maryanne introduced Pamela J. Wehmeyer as her new Deputy and she was sworn in by the Clerk.

Minutes: of July 5, 2013. Approved with two corrections: Under “additional agenda items” in the discussion about the Arborvitae/Hemlock Ct. area, the court rulings mentioned were in Charlevoix County. Also under “public comment” the court rulings mentioned were the same ones as mentioned as stated above.

Maryanne Goodman stated that due to the changes in her Deputy she will be contacting the banks that we have accounts with to make changes to the signature cards. The individuals who will have authorization to the accounts are: Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe, Pamela J. Wehmeyer and Karen Stansberry. Only Maryanne Goodman and Pamela J. Wehmeyer will be authorized on the tax accounts.

Financial Reports: General Fund and Fire Fund. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Sally Casey to approve the reports. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson, Anna Grobe and Sally Casey. Nays; none. Absent; Rick Jones**

Payment of Township Accounts: Motion to approve General Fund Checks #5588 thru #5632 for the purpose of paying Township accounts in the amount of \$22,353.84. (This includes the EFT payment for Federal withholding and FICA). Also Fire Fund Checks #1197 thru # 1199 for the purpose of paying bills in the amount of \$514.28. **Motion made by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Anna Grobe to approve the payment of Township accounts. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Bill Robinson, Maryanne Goodman, Sally Casey. Nays; none. Absent; Rick Jones**

Additional Agenda items: One additional incoming correspondence.

Public comment: Question was asked regarding the situation with the Township getting an attorney for the Arborvitae/Hemlock Ct. issue. Bill spoke with two attorneys and only one would be interested. She is Joan McKay and she is currently involved with a tribunal case involving the Township and she would like to wait until that is resolved before she will become involved with the above mentioned issue. She has asked if the tribunal case can be moved up so that she can give her attention to the Arborvitae/Hemlock Ct. issue. Bill will call her again next week.

Guests: None.

Correspondence:

INCOMING:

1. Letter from Gretchen Staub, Little Platte Lake Secretary thanking us for the use of the Township Hall for their annual membership meeting.
2. Email from Tim Dennison about the condition of Sutter Rd.
3. Newsletter from BACN
4. Letter from the Benzie County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority informing us of their new officers.
5. Letter from the Benzie County Road Commission with plans to do maintenance on Sutter Rd. The work will consist of trimming and removal of branches and trees, mowing and clearing underbrush from the ditch line
6. Minutes from the quarterly meeting of Platte Township.
7. Email from the County Treasurer about an upcoming meeting to be held on Saturday August 10 from 9-noon of the newly formed Benzie County Veterans Affairs Committee at the American Legion hall at 2016 Main St. in Frankfort.
8. Email requesting assistance from Crystal Lake Township in their efforts in finding a new Zoning Administrator.
9. Newsletter from the League of Women Voters.
10. Flyer from the Benzie Conservation District about upcoming programs.
11. Information from the lakes to Land Regional Initiative about a food policy revolution.
12. An invitation to the ground breaking for the new boat house building at the Point Betsie Lighthouse to be held on Wednesday August 14 from 4:00-6:00.
13. Minutes from the annual membership/board meeting for the Citizens for Access to the Lakeshore.

OUTGOING:

1. Thank you letter sent to Jean Neuhardt for her service as the Deputy Treasurer.
2. Letter sent to Gabridge Wilson, CPA in reference to the recent audit that was performed on Tuesday July 9.
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New Business: 1. Information from a recent Benzie County Road Commission meeting. Bill has attended meetings at the Road Commission about the possibility of there being a ballot request of 1 mil for 5 years to resume night time snow plowing and road maintenance. The language was sent out but

has since been shown to be incorrect. There will be another meeting held on Tuesday August 6 for further discussions on the issue.

Rick Jones arrives at 7:21

Old Business: 1. Metro Act Right of Way Extension for AT&T. Motion by Bill Robinson with a second by Anna Grobe to approve and sign the extension as presented. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Rick Jones, abstains, Sally Casey, Bill Robinson, Anna Grobe and Maryanne Goodman.**

County updates: Vance Bates, County Commissioner-absent

Township Depts.:

Zoning Administrator-New construction has slowed. In looking back to last year, the interest in Land Use Permits picked up at the end of August and in September. He did state that our zoning ordinance requires a land use permit for all structures regardless of size. This includes additions of decks. He will write up a "memo" to post on the website.

Planning Commission- Next meeting scheduled for October

Assessor- Board of Review was held to correct errors and to address some Personal Resident Exemptions. As mentioned before new construction is slow. She will be going out to look at new construction, recent sales and agriculture in the coming weeks.

Public input and general discussion: Reminder that the final clean-up day will be Saturday August 24 from 8-noon. We will again have the rear loading trucks. Rick will be contacting the volunteers.

Meeting adjourned: 7:35

In Attendance: 6

Respectfully submitted
Anna Grobe, Clerk