

MONTHLY MEETING
April 6, 2017

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

The Pledge of Allegiance: recited by all.

Roll Call: Present: Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Bill Robinson, Dotty Blank, and Maryanne Goodman.

Minutes: of March 2, 2017 Township meeting and March 2, 2017 Budget Adoption meeting. Approved as submitted.

Financial Reports: General Fund and Fire Fund presented by Maryanne Goodman. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by John Rothhaar to approve the reports as read. Roll call vote: Ayes; John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson, Dotty Blank, and Sally Casey. Nays; None.**

Budget Amendment: None

Payment of Township Accounts:

Request for approval of General Fund Checks #6977 thru #7004, (which includes voided check #6999), in the amount of \$10,379.36 for the purpose of paying Township accounts, also EFPTS payment of \$1,701.09 and Fire Fund Checks #1314 thru #1317 in the amount of \$211.40. **Motion made by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Sally Casey to approve the payment of Township accounts. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey and John Rothhaar. Nays; None.**

Additional Agenda items:

Public comment:

Guests: David Schaffer, Benzie County Recycling Coordinator went over their 2016 annual report, and his thoughts on possible administrative changes that would save money. He said there would be two hazardous waste collections in 2017, one on June 17th at the Frankfort recycling site and the other on August 5th at the Almira Township hall. At the June 17th collection they will be accepting mattresses and box springs at a cost of \$10.00, both collections accept tires at no cost. Also Ace Hardware in Benzonia will be a drop off site for Latex paint.

Correspondence:

Incoming:

1. Newsletter from Benzonia Public Library.
2. Newsletter from Benzie Senior Resources.
3. Letter from Charter Communications informing us of new channels.
4. Letter from Kelly Dalton reminding us of the June 17th water safety event along with a picture of a sample sign she would like erected in the Township Park.
5. City of Frankfort's 2017/2018 proposed Fire Department/1st Responder funding schedule.

There was discussion with Kelly Dalton about the June 17th event and her request for a sign. It was decided that the sign she had proposed in memory of her son would not be appropriate, but another sign that encouraged the use of life vests for other water activities such as canoeing, kayaking, paddleboards, etc. would be more appropriate.

Outgoing.

1. Letter of support to the Friends of Point Betsie Lighthouse on their grant application.

New Business:

1. Resolution by the Township Board to apply to the Secretary of State for a grant to purchase a new voting system. Motion by Dotty Blank, seconded by Bill Robinson to approve the resolution as presented. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, John Rothhaar and Maryanne Goodman. Nays: None.**
2. Increase hourly wages for Deputies. Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Sally Casey to increase the hourly wages for both the Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer to \$13.00 per hour effective April 1, 2017. **Roll call vote: Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman and Bill Robinson. Nays: None.**
3. Bill Robinson gave an update on the Township Garage, we have received the insurance settlement and put the demolition out for bids, it has been advertised twice but to date we haven't received any bids. The bid date is April 15th, if we don't have any bids we will then contact excavators ourselves. The plan is to replace the garage with a 24' X 24' pole barn.

Old Business:

County updates:

Art Jeannot County Commissioner gave a County report, the Veterans Memorial is nearly complete, County Planning Commission is looking to have an ad hoc committee to help redraft the County Ordinance, and is hoping the Chairman of Township Planning Commissions will agree to be on the Committee. Also the Maples staff is beginning the process of moving into the new building.

Township Depts.:

Planning Commission –Next meeting April 13, 2017, which will be an organization meeting, also discuss truck route ordinance.
Zoning Administrator- Year is starting slow, only 5 permits so far in 2017.
Assessor- Board of Review was very slow only 8 petitions.

Public input and general discussion:

Meeting adjourned: 8:32 pm.

In Attendance: 9

Dotty Blank, Clerk