

MONTHLY MEETING  
February 2, 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, Maryanne Goodman.

**Minutes:** of January 5, 2017 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, Sally Casey. Nays; None.**

**Budget Amendment:** Maryanne Goodman presented budget amendments to the general fund. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Sally Casey to approve the budget amendments to the general fund as read. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman. Nays; None.**

**Payment of Township Accounts:**

Request for approval of General Fund Checks #6930 thru #6956 in the amount of \$14,647.75 (including EFT payment) for the purpose of paying Township accounts. Also Fire Fund Checks #1307 thru #1310 for the purpose of paying Fire contract and bills in the amount of \$37,180.22. **Motion made by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Sally Casey to approve the payment of Township accounts. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, Bill Robinson, Maryanne Goodman, John Rothhaar, Dotty Blank. Nays; None.**

**Additional Agenda items:**

**Public comment:** Joe Muer had questions on the road improvement survey, also asked how much of the 1 mill County road improvement fund does Lake Township get. Bill Robinson answered that the Road Commission has a committee made up of Township Supervisors that have input on what roads in the County will be repaired, but the final decision is with the Road Commission. John Rothhaar said at this point the only road in Lake Township that has been improved is Sutter Rd., projects still pending are Saffron Rd. and Pt. Betsie Rd.

**Guests:** Doug Durand, Benzie Senior Resources explained the reasoning between the merger of Benzie Home Health Care and Benzie County Commission on Aging. He also went over their annual report and key accomplishments in 2016.

**Correspondence:**

**Incoming:**

1. Newsletter from Benzie Area historical Society.
2. Newsletter from Benzie Resources.
3. Benzonia Public Library Newsletter.
4. Letter from Charter Communications on rate increase.
5. PASER report on Township Roads from Benzie County Rd. Commission.
6. Two letters from Township Planning Commission, one with meeting dates for 2017, the other to reaffirm their recommendation to establish a road improvement fund and a citizens committee.

**Outgoing:**

1. Letter to Benzie County Sheriff's Office informing them the Township approved \$300.00 in financial aid for the snowmobile program.

**New Business:** Budget workshop set for Feb. 9, 2017 at 10:00 AM.

**Old Business:** None

**County updates:** Art Jeannot County Commissioner gave a County report which included Commissioner Committee assignments, Maples update, Committee appointments on the DHHS board, Central Dispatch grant application to establish Smart 911, Animal Control fee increase to adopt animals and contract for regional medical examiner.

**Township Depts.:** Planning Commission –Meeting held on 1/19/2017, members went over PASER report of 2015, decided to not take any action on Medical Marijuana facilities. Zoning Administrator- One permit application so far in 2017, 37 land use permits were issued in 2016 and of those 15 are for new home construction or rebuilds. Assessor- Finishing up end of year, not many changes in assessed values, 13 petitions at December Board of Review.

**Public input and general discussion:** Anna asked if clean up dates had been set. Sally will contact Republic Waste to set up dates.

Meeting adjourned: 8:05 pm.

In Attendance: 11

Dotty Blank, Clerk