

MONTHLY MEETING  
August 2, 2018

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

**The Pledge of Allegiance:** recited by all.

**Roll Call:** Present: Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Dotty Blank and Anna Grobe.

**Minutes:** July 5, 2018 Township meeting minutes approved as submitted.

**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; John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe, Dotty Blank, and Sally Casey. Nays; None.** Fire Fund presented by Maryanne Goodman. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by John Rothhaar to approve the fire fund report as read. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey and John Rothhaar. Nays; None.**

**Budget Amendment:** None

**Payment of Township Accounts:** Request for approval of General Fund Checks #7462 through #7493, in the amount of \$28,604.23 for the purpose of paying Township accounts, also EFPTS payment of \$2,616.35 and Fire Fund Checks #1356 through #1360 in the amount of \$40,652.76. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Sally Casey to approve the payment of township accounts as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, John Rothhaar and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; None.**

**Additional Agenda items:**

**Public comment:**

**Guests:** Dave Fenner introduced himself as a Township resident and explained his family history in the area. He spoke about Woodland Dr., when he purchased his property he was aware that Woodland Dr. was a subdivision access road open to lot owners, but since the road had never been cleared to through traffic he feels the customary use of a foot trail should be acceptable. He went on to show pictures of damage to the area, sprinkler heads broken, and some type of grass killer that was applied to the path. He does not feel a distant property owner should be able to impose his will on the use of the property which is contrary to the customary use. The Board explained that since this is a subdivision road we do not have the authority to change its use.

Wilfred Swiecki, another property owner along Woodland Dr. said he also had damage to his grass, some type of herbicide was applied to it. He feels if someone has a problem they should talk with the property owner to come to an agreement. He is also concerned that herbicides can get into the ground water and possibly in wells. He said he has talked with the Conservation District about herbicides and requested to meet with the Planning Commission to discuss possible changes to the Platte Lakes Management Plan. John Rothhaar explained that pesticide application is federally regulated, but said Mr. Swiecki is welcomed to attend the next Planning Commission meeting scheduled for 9/13/2018.

**Correspondence:**

**Incoming:**

1. Benzonia Public Library newsletter.
2. Email from Dick Figura asking if Lake Township is interested in participating in one joint petition asking that all delinquent personal property taxes which remain uncollected for five years or more be stricken from any further responsibility to try to collect those taxes. It was decided that since Lake Township has very little personal property and no problem with collecting the taxes that we do not sign the petition.
3. Email from NPS giving monthly update for Bass Lake project.
4. Little Platte Lake Association did not receive the 2% grant they applied for.

**Outgoing:** 1. Email to Benzie County Road Commission asking for a cost estimate to pave the gravel section of Birch Trail.

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:** None

**County Updates:** Art Jeannot presented his county update covering proposed school resource officer millage, EMS director, Jail staffing, County 2018-2019 budget and financial staffing.

**Township Depts:** Planning Commission – Road Commission installed the No Thru Truck signs on Deadstream Rd. and Crystal Dr., he contacted the Sheriff’s office to inform them the signs are installed. Next meeting is scheduled for 9/13/2018 and suggested we contact MTA to see if they can give us any direction on herbicide application. Zoning Administrator – Zoning Administrator not present, but did report that 18 land use permits have been issued. Assessor – She is finishing new sales and will then start measuring new construction. There were two corrections at the July Board of Review.

**Public Comment:** Reminder of the Primary election on 8/7/2018, and Township clean-up day on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55 pm.  
In Attendance: 13

Dotty Blank  
Clerk