MONTHLY MEETING
February 1, 2018

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, Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson, and Dotty Blank.

Minutes: January 4, 2018 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: Budget amendments to the general fund presented by Maryanne Goodman. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Sally Casey to approve the budget amendments as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Bill Robinson, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, John Rothhaar and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; None.**

Payment of Township Accounts: Request for approval of General Fund Checks #7279 through #7303, in the amount of $17,713.53 for the purpose of paying Township accounts, also EFPTS payment of $1,623.89 and Fire Fund Checks #1338 through #1341 in the amount of $39,089.84. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by John Rothhaar to approve the payment of township accounts as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, and Bill Robinson. Nays; None.**

Additional Agenda items:

Public comment:

Guests: Margaret Groenwald, Committee member for purposed Benzie Aquatic Center. Gave a presentation on the need for an aquatic center to include swimming, hydro therapy, provide a variety of Red Cross health and safety classes and also hopefully a walking/running track.

Correspondence:
        Incoming:
                1. Notice of Road Commission meeting dates for 2018.

2. Email inviting our Township to a Benzie Co. Planning Commission community dialogue meeting on Feb. 8th. The topic will be US 31 corridor improvements.
3. Planning Commission meeting dates for 2018.
4. Planning Commission annual report.
5. Letter from Benzie Co. Board of Commissioners informing us that they would be making an appointment to the Road Commission board and that they are accepting letters of interest for that position.
6. Benzie Senior Resources newsletters.

   ### *Outgoing***:**

1. Copy of email John Rothhaar sent on behalf of the Township Planning Commission supporting the M22 Benzie Manistee Pure Michigan Byway Corridor Management Plan.

N*ew Business:*

1. Funding for local roads in Benzie County. John Rothhaar prepared a summary of how local roads are funded, and presented the question of how the Road Commission will be using the additional money they are going to receive from the increased gas tax. It was suggested that if all Township Supervisors were in agreement with a proposal to present to the Road Commission that they consider going back to past practice of a 50/50 cost share, or at least some cost share of local road improvements than Townships could afford the upkeep needed on their local roads.

Old Business:

1. Carpet bids. With only one bid received a **Motion was made by Sally Casey seconded by John Rothhaar that the project be awarded to Classic Interiors for the purchase and installation of new carpeting for the Township meeting room, the total cost not to exceed $4,000.00. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Bill Robinson, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey and John Rothhaar. Nays; None.**

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County Updates: Art Jeannot presented his county update covering Building Authority, Planning Commission, EMS, Opioid Lawsuit, and had a handout on the 2017-18 Budget and a copy of a resolution in opposition to Michigan House Bills 5096-5098.

Township Depts: Planning Commission – Chairman not present. John Rothhaar updated their continued work on outdoor wood burning furnaces.
Zoning Administrator – No report.
Assessor –Working on tax roll for assessment change notices.

Public Comment: Ray Franz introduced himself and stated he will be running for State Senate covering the 35th district.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:08 pm.
In Attendance: 10

Dotty Blank, Clerk