

MONTHLY MEETING
September 6, 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: August 2, 2018 Township meeting minutes approved as submitted.

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

Budget Amendment: None

Payment of Township Accounts: Request for approval of General Fund Checks #7494 through #7531 (check #7530 voided) in the amount of \$26,015.24 for the purpose of paying Township accounts, also EFPTS payment of \$2,568.35 and Fire Fund Checks #1361 and #1362 in the amount of \$101.53. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Anna Grobe to approve the payment of township accounts as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman and Anna Grobe Nays; None.**

Additional Agenda items:

Public comment:

Guests: Jane Perrino and Tad Peacock, Benzie Conservation District gave an overview of their Aquatic Invasive Species Pathways Program and requested financial support for a grant they are applying for through the DNR for a Michigan Invasive species grant. The grant is for \$260,000, the grant requires a 50% match either financial or in-kind support. They are requesting Lake Township to pledge \$5,000.00 a year for three years. They are going to request financial support this year from both Benzonia Township and Crystal Lake Township, since this grant covers three counties they plan to request funding from Townships in Leelanau County and Grand Traverse County next year.

After discussion a motion was made by **Maryanne Goodman, seconded by John Rothhaar to pledge support up to \$5,000 per year for three years subject to annual review of their progress. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman. Nays; Anna Grobe, Dotty Blank. Motion carried.**

Chris Sullivan, Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, talked about a tract of land off Deadstream Rd. that the owner would like preserved. He went over options for the purchase; one is that the Township, with the help of the Conservancy, apply for a grant through Michigan Natural Resources Trust fund which would cover 75% of the cost, the additional 25% would be the Townships cost, but the land owner said she would donate that part so there wouldn't be any cost to the Township to acquire the land. The other option is for the Land Conservancy to raise money to purchase and protect the property. Board members asked for more details on actual costs and the Townships management responsibilities. Mr. Sullivan has not ran any title work on the property yet and does not know the purchase price, he said the grant application isn't due until April 2019 so he will wait until the Board decides if they are interested in acquiring the property before moving forward.

Correspondence:

Incoming:

1. Email updating Bass Lake project.
2. Benzie Senior Resources newsletter.
3. Consumers Energy notice of public hearing to reconcile its renewable energy plan revenues and expenses for 2017.
4. Letter of resignation from Zoning Administrator Dick Krupp effective September 30, 2018. **Motion by Anna Grobe, seconded by Maryanne Goodman to accept the resignation with regrets. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe and Dotty Blank. Nays: None.**
5. Final 2017 Township audit from Baird, Cotter and Bishop.

Outgoing:

- 1 Email to MTA inquiring on zoning ordinances covering herbicides.

New Business:

1. Zoning Administrator replacement. It was decided to put a notice of the vacancy in the Record Patriot for one week and ask for letters of interest to be submitted by September 19th
2. Parking lot improvements. Supervisor Grobe said we need to look at repairing or replacing the asphalt, the current slope of the parking lot brings water right up to the back door during heavy rains, we need to figure out a drainage system. She has contacted several asphalt companies, all have given different suggestions on fixing the problem. Matt Skeels from the Road Commission is going to send his superintendent out to give us options on the needed repair.
3. Approval to purchase new Certificates of Deposit. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Sally Casey to approve the transfer of money from the fire fund to purchase new CD's at a higher interest rate with Honor Bank. Roll call vote: Ayes; John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe, Dotty Blank and Sally Casey. Nays; None.**

Old Business: None

County Updates: Art Jeannot was not able to attend the meeting but did send his report from the Board of Commissioners.

Township Depts: Planning Commission – Next meeting scheduled for September 20, 2018, they will review the fireworks ordinance, and discuss the use of herbicides.
Zoning Administrator – 22 land use permits issued which include four new homes and three rebuilds.
Assessor – new sales measuring has been finished, tentative ratio values should stay the same.

Public Comment: Bob Blank said we already have an invasive species ordinance and feels the Township should check with their auditors on committing money for more than one year.
Supervisor Grobe wanted to thank all the park attendants for the good job they did at the park this year.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:34 pm.

In Attendance: 15

Dotty Blank
Clerk