

MONTHLY MEETING
April 4, 2019

Meeting: called to order at 7:05 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance: recited by all.

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

Minutes: March 7, 2019 Budget Adoption Meeting and Township Board 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; Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey and John Rothhaar. Nays; None.** Fire Fund presented by Maryanne Goodman. **Motion by John Rothhaar, 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 #7715 through #7741 in the amount of \$68,255.34 for the purpose of paying Township accounts, also EFPTS payment of \$1,930.20. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Sally Casey 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.**

Request for approval of Fire Fund Checks #1378 through #1382 in the amount of \$5,492.57. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by John Rothhaar to approve the payment of Fire Fund checks as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe and Dotty Blank. Nays; None.**

Additional Agenda items: None

Public comment: None

Guests: Scheduled guest Matt Olson, Benzie Central Schools did not attend. Since his appearance

was published, and residents were here with questions on the school bond proposal it was decided that we have general discussion of the bond proposal at the end of the meeting.

Correspondence:

Incoming:

1. Letter from Tom Harrett resigning from the Board of Review effective 4/1/2019.
2. Email from Jim Gribble, Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes requesting the use of the Lake Township Park for a yoga-at-the-beach program. The board discussed the program with Mr. Gribble, indicated parking was on a first come first served basis, which he understood. We would need to get a hold harmless agreement from the Friends or some type of waiver of responsibility for the Township and if he can present that, the Township has no objection to the use of the Township Park for the program.
3. Letter from Benzie Conservation District requesting attendance at our meeting to discuss alternative funding options. They were contacted and will have a representative at our May meeting.
4. Newsletters from Benzie Area Historical Society and Benzie Senior Resources.

Outgoing:

1. Letter to Benzie County Conservation District informing them that due to the fact that their request for a three year agreement for \$2,000.00 per year was submitted after our budget process their request was not approved. We did agree to discuss some type of possible financial support at a future date, but not a three year agreement.

New Business:

1. Appointment of ZBA member. **Motion by Anna Grobe, seconded to John Rothhaar to appoint Jo-Ann Tarkington as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Roll call vote: Ayes; Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman and Anna Grobe. Nays; None.**
2. Appointment of BOR member. **Motion by Anna Grobe, seconded by Sally Casey to appoint Madeline Bitzan-Powell as a member of the Board of Review, term to expire at noon on January 1, 2021. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe and Dotty Blank. Nays; None.**
3. Electrical updates, two bids were received, Glen Lake Electric and Olsen Electric. After review of the bids there was a **Motion by Anna Grobe, seconded by Dotty Blank to award the bid to Glenn Lake Electric. Roll call vote: Ayes; John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe, Dotty Blank and Sally Casey. Nays; None.**
4. Fire Board meeting. Supervisor Grobe and Treasurer Goodman attended the meeting, they went over our new contract and stated the Fire Department was concerned with how calls for downed trees were being handled. They are called out first and have to stay on site until the road commission removes the trees. Supervisor Grobe is working with central dispatch to set up some protocol on who is called for downed trees.
5. MTA resolution to allow Township board members election on a nonpartisan

ballot. After discussion the Board decided not to take any action until legislation is introduced.

Old Business:

1. Supervisor Grobe gave an update on the Fire Barn repairs.

County Updates:

Commissioners report presented by Art Jeannot, the report included information on the Public Defenders Office, County Finances, and the Maples project update.

Township Departments.

Planning Commission: Organizational meeting scheduled for April 11, 2019.
Zoning Administrator – Presented a report of zoning activities for March 2019.
Assessor: Board of Review was held March 11th and 12th. They had twelve petitions, which two of those were walk-ins.

Public Comment:

Board members along with residents talked about their concerns with the School bond election. Items discussed included bond language, possible sale of Platte River School, declining school enrollment.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:35 pm.

In Attendance: 15

Dotty Blank, Clerk