

MONTHLY MEETING  
March 7, 2019

**Meeting:** called to order at 7:05 PM.

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

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

**Absent:** John Rothhaar

**Minutes:** February 7, 2019 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; Anna Grobe, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; None. Absent: John Rothhaar.** Fire Fund presented by Maryanne Goodman. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Anna Grobe to approve the fire fund report as read. Roll call vote: Ayes; Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman and Anna Grobe. Nays; None. Absent: John Rothhaar.**

**Budget Amendment:** General Fund Budget Amendment presented by Maryanne Goodman. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Sally Casey to approve the General Fund Budget Amendment as read. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe and Dotty Blank. Nays: None. Absent: John Rothhaar.**

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

**Payment of Township Accounts:** Request for approval of General Fund Checks #7694 through #7714 in the amount of \$12,126.03 for the purpose of paying Township accounts, also EFPTS payment of \$1,784.54. **Motion by Sally Casey, seconded by Maryanne Goodman, to approve the payment of township accounts as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe and Dotty Blank. Nays: None. Absent: John Rothhaar.**

Request for approval of Fire Fund Checks #1375 through #1377 in the amount of \$270.02. **Motion by Sally Casey, seconded by Maryanne Goodman to approve the payment of Fire Fund checks as**

presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; None. Absent: John Rothhaar.

Additional Agenda items: None

Public comment: None

Guests: Chuck Clarke gave an update on the Point Betsie road end and parking plan also the project budget revision. For this phase they are requesting a \$37,000.00 grant, with a match of the same amount from The Friends of Point Betsie Lighthouse.

Correspondence:

Incoming:

1. Email from Frank Post, Emergency Manager informing us of a weather spotter training at the Government Center on April 10<sup>th</sup>.
2. Benzie Area Historical Society 2018 annual report.
3. Newsletters from Benzonia Public Library and Benzie Senior Resources.
4. Request from Benzie Conservation District for financial support of their invasive species program. Due to the fact they did not make their request prior to our budget preparation, the Board decided we could not commit to their request of a three year contract at \$2,000.00 per year, but we may be able to give some financial support.
5. Email from Emily Cook, Invasive Species Network, inquiring if we would have a garlic mustard dumpster installed again this year. They would offer a \$200.00 cost share. **Motion by Sally Casey, seconded by Maryanne Goodman that we install a dumpster for garlic mustard for the months of May and June. Roll call vote: Ayes: Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman and Anna Grobe. Nays: None. Absent: John Rothhaar.**
6. Email from Ethel Birchler, resident on Birch Trail, asking if we are considering paving the gravel portion of the road. Supervisor Grobe notified her that this will not be considered this year, but the Road Commission will do soil borings this year to see what kind of a base that portion of the road has and then make a cost estimate.

Outgoing: None

New Business:

1. Supervisor Grobe recommended the re-appointment of Andra Bouck and Jackie Randall to the Planning Commission for a term of three years, expiring 3/1/2022. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Dotty Blank to re-appoint Andra Bouck and Jackie Randall to the Planning Commission for a term of three years, expiring March 1, 2022. Roll call vote: Ayes: Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe and Dotty Blank. Nays: None. Absent: John Rothhaar**
2. Adopt the IRS mileage rate of .58 per mile. **Motion by Dotty Blank, seconded by Sally Casey to adopt the IRS mileage rate of .58 per mile. Roll call vote: Ayes: Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe, Dotty Blank, and Sally Casey. Nays: None. Absent: John Rothhaar.**

3. Adopt Board of Review resolution. **Motion by Anna Grobe, seconded by Sally Casey to adopt resolution 2019-01 to allow residents to protest their tax assessment in writing. Roll call vote: Ayes: Anna Grobe, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey and Maryanne Goodman. Nays: None. Absent: John Rothhaar.**
4. Lake Township Investment Policy. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Anna Grobe to adopt the Lake Township Invested Policy. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe and Dotty Blank. Nays: None. Absent: John Rothhaar.**
5. 2019 paving contracts and approval of required deposit. **Motion by Anna Grobe, seconded by Maryanne Goodman to approve the paving contracts for Old State Road, Orchard Lane and Deer Ridge and pay the required deposit. Roll call vote: Ayes: Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe, Dotty Blank and Sally Casey. Nays: None. Absent: John Rothhaar.**
6. Supervisor Grobe gave an update on the Fire Barn. Insurance adjuster has been out and assessed the damage. Water lines have been repaired.
7. Estimate for window stickers for Township Park. JenTees submitted an estimate of \$955.00 plus shipping for 3500 stickers, they will send us a proof before a decision is made.

**Old Business:**

1. Supervisor Grobe gave an update on the Local Road Commission meeting. Elmer's bids were accepted for both small and large projects.

**County Updates:**

Commissioners report presented by Art Jeannot, the report included information on applicants for Benzonia Township Commissioner, interviews scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup>. Other information on School Resource Officer, County Finances and Maples project update.

**Township Departments.**

Planning Commission: Organizational meeting scheduled for April 11, 2019.  
Zoning Administrator – Presented a report of zoning activities for February 2019.  
Assessor: Board of Review organizational meeting held March 5<sup>th</sup>, appeals to be heard Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comment:**

Benzie Central School Superintendent Matt Olson or a representative will be at our April meeting to talk about the May 7<sup>th</sup> school bond election.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20 pm.

In Attendance: 5

Dotty Blank, Clerk