

MONTHLY MEETING
September 5, 2019

Meeting: called to order at 7:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance: recited by all.

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

Minutes: August 1, 2019, 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; Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe and Dotty Blank. 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; John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe, Dotty Blank and Sally Casey. Nays; None.**

Budget Amendment: None

Payment of Township Accounts: Request for approval of General Fund Checks #7887 through #7919 in the amount of \$71,437.40 for the purpose of paying Township accounts, also EFPTS payment of \$2,687.20. **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.**

Request for approval of Fire Fund Checks #1400 and #1401 in the amount of \$144.88. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by John Rothhaar to approve the payment of Fire Fund checks as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, John Rothhaar Maryanne Goodman and Anna Grobe. Nays; None.**

Additional Agenda items: None

Public comment: None

Guests. Dan Kelly questioned why the Township Board opted out of recreational marijuana. The Board stated their reasons one of which was that the ballot question at the November 2018 election was turned down by the voters of Lake Township, another reason is that recreation marijuana establishments cannot

be in a residential zoning district, and Lake Township is primarily residential, with only two commercial properties. Also, that our Master Plan states that Lake Township is primarily residential and recreational. Recreational marijuana is not consistent with our Master Plan. Dan Kelly questioned if our Master Plan should include diversity of land use. He also questioned if Lake Township residents may have changed their minds now that they see the benefits of marijuana. He is concerned that his property will not be allowed to be farmed, he cited the right to farm act. Our Assessor stated that she was recently at a MTA meeting and the question of right to farm was discussed, the right to farm act does not apply to recreational marijuana law. He asked about industrial hemp, our Assessor said that industrial hemp is regulated by the Department of Agriculture and at this point she is not sure of the licensing procedure. The Board stated that until we know the final regulations of growing hemp from the Department of Agriculture we will keep an open mind. Dan Kelly said he would do some research and keep us informed on his plans.

Correspondence:

- Incoming:**
1. Newsletters from Benzie Senior Resources, Benzie Shores District Library and Benzie Historical Museum.
 2. Letter from Village of Benzonia Planning Commission informing us that they have begun a review process of their Master Plan.

- Outgoing:**
1. Letter of support for a Michigan Invasive Species grant application from Grand Traverse Conservation District.

New Business:

1. Soil boring on Birch Trail. We received an estimate for the Road Commission that the cost of the soil boring would be \$1,166.00. **Motion by Anna Grobe seconded by John Rothhaar that we pay for the soil boring and send a letter to the resident who petitioned the Township to pave that area of Birch Trail that our paying for the boring does not guarantee that the road will be paved. Roll call vote: Ayes: Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe, Dotty Blank and John Rothhaar. Nays: Sally Casey**
2. Back-up hard drives for four office computers. An estimate was received from Dustin Wolpoff for eight external hard drive back-ups (two for each computer), cloud back-up for six computers, software installation and configuration. **Motion by Dotty Blank, seconded by Maryanne Goodman to accept the estimate for the back-up hard drives, cloud back up, software installation and configuration in the amount of \$1,139.92. Roll call vote: Ayes; John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe, Dotty Blank and Sally Casey. Nays; None.**

Old Business:

1. Second brining for gravel roads approved.

- County Updates:** Commissioners report presented by Art Jeannot, the report included information on Central Dispatch, County Finances and Planning Commission.

Township Departments.

Planning Commission: Next meeting is scheduled for September 12th at 6:30 pm.

Zoning Administrator - Report of zoning activities for August 2019 presented.

Assessor: Preparing information for the tax tribunal, will be back in the field looking at new constructions.

Supervisor: Gave an update on FEMA meeting, Road Commission would like a list of roads to be repaired next year, and the final report from Sheriff's Office on our seasonal road patrol.

Public Comment: Resident on Platte Lake asking if anything can be done about fisherman using high powered lights in front of her house, this usually happens after mid-night and the lights shine in her house. Supervisor will contact DNR to see if there are any regulations on lights used while night fishing.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 pm.

In Attendance: 10

Dotty Blank, Clerk