

MONTHLY MEETING
February 6, 2020

Meeting: called to order at 7:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance: recited by all.

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

Minutes: January 2, 2020 Township Board Meeting minutes approved with correction.

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

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

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

Payment of Township Accounts: Request for approval of General Fund Checks #8037 through #8064 in the amount of \$12,294.53 for the purpose of paying Township accounts, also EFPTS payment of \$1,900.45. **Motion by Sally Casey, seconded by John Rothhaar to approve the payment of township accounts as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; John Rothhaar, Anna Grobe, Dotty Blank and Sally Casey. Nays; None. Absent: Maryanne Goodman.**

Request for approval of Fire Fund Checks #1411 through #1414 in the amount of \$42,712.01. **Motion by Sally Casey, seconded by John Rothhaar to approve the payment of Fire Fund checks as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey and John Rothhaar. Nays; None. Absent: Maryanne Goodman.**

Additional Agenda items: None.

Public comment: None

Guests: Scott Dekkers, National Park Service Supervisor and Jeremy Arnett, Park Ranger, gave update on visitor stats and Platte River law enforcement stats.

Correspondence:

Incoming:

1. Newsletter from Benzie Senior Resources, Benzie Shores District Library and Benzonia Public Library.
2. Letter from Kyle Rosa announcing that he is running for the Office of Sheriff of Benzie County. He held a meet and greet on January 19, 2020.
3. Email from Jim Dodge detailing the Planning Commission/ZBA joint meeting held January 9, 2020.
4. Letter from FEMA giving notice of the proposed flood hazard determination for Benzie County. There will be a 90 day appeal period for residents who believe their property rights will be adversely affected by the proposed flood map.
5. Email informing us of the Michigander Bicycle Tour 2020. They will be riding from Frankfort to Glen Arbor and are requesting the use of the Lake Township Hall for a support and gear stop, they are requesting the use of bathrooms (they can supply porta johns if necessary) and access to drinking water. Supervisor Grobe will contact them to allow them to use the Township as a stop, they will need to have porta johns, and water access will be by our outside facet.

Outgoing:

1. Letter of support for Grand Traverse Conservation Districts Empowering Communities in Invasive Species management grant.

New Business:

1. Resolution to adopt millage ballot language for Lake Township Fire millage renewal. **Motion by Anna Grobe, seconded by John Rothhaar to adopt the ballot language for the Lake Township Fire millage to be placed on the August 4, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes; Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, John Rothhaar and Anna Grobe. Nays; None. Absent: Maryanne Goodman.**
2. Decision on auditors; Baird, Cotter & Bishop or H&S Companies. **Motion by Dotty Blank, seconded by John Rothhaar to accept the offer from Baird, Cotter & Bishop for a complete financial audit for the year ending March 31, 2020. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, John Rothhaar, Anna Grobe and Dotty Blank. Nays; None. Absent: Maryanne Goodman.**

3. Decision on local road improvements; Highland Dr. White Birch Trail, Ash Ave, Spruce St. Discussion was held on the pros and cons of doing the roads individually or two at the same time. **Motion by John Rothhaar, seconded by Dotty Blank that Highland Dr. and White Birch Trail be placed on the list of the 2020 paving projects and request a final estimate from the Benzie County Road Commission. Roll call vote: Ayes; John Rothhaar, Anna Grobe, Dotty Blank and Sally Casey. Nays; None. Absent: Maryanne Goodman.**

Old Business:

1. Benzie Conservation District request for financial support. Their request will be considered after our budget for 2020/2021 is approved.

County Updates:

Commissioner Art Jeannot presented his County Commission report which included information on their annual organization meeting, committee assignments and answered questions about why Benzie County Chamber of Commerce joined Traverse City Tourism and Visitor's Bureau.

Township Departments.

Planning Commission. Will be working on updating the Master Plan, first workshop is March 5th at 10:00 am,

Zoning Administrator - Report on zoning activities for January 2020 presented.

Assessor: working on 2020 assessment notices, BOR dates are March 3rd, Organization meeting. March 9th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and March 12th from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Supervisor Information on local road commission meeting, Township parking lot repairs and BOR training on February 19th in Cadillac.

Public Comment:

Preliminary ballot tested on February 3rd, public test will be Wednesday, February 26th at noon.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 pm.

In Attendance: 7

Dotty Blank, Clerk