

MONTHLY MEETING
January 2, 2020

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: December 5, 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; John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe, Dotty Blank and Sally Casey. 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 #8015 through #8036 in the amount of \$11,420.50 for the purpose of paying Township accounts, also EFPTS payment of \$1,854.69. **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 #1409 and #1410 in the amount of \$314.30. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Sally Casey 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: Trustee John Rothhaar requested time to report on property the Grand Traverse Land Conservancy is looking to purchase.

Public comment: None

Guests: Jane Perrino and Tad Peacock from the Benzie Conservation District presented their 2019 annual report and requested financial support for their work on the aquatic invasive species program.

Benzie Conservation District received a grant from the Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$126,700 for the Michigan Invasive Species Program. The grant requires financial or in-kind match, they have requested that Lake Township supply financial support in the amount of \$2,500 per year for three years.

The Board stated they would take their request under consideration at our budget workshop and would notify them of our decision after our February board meeting.

Correspondence:

Incoming:

1. Newsletter from Benzie Senior Resources.
2. Report on preventing swimmer's itch from freshwater solutions.

Outgoing: None

New Business:

1. Grand Traverse Conservation District requested a letter of support for a grant they are applying for to help fund dumpsters for garlic mustard. **Motion by Anna Grobe, seconded by John Rothhaar to send a letter of support for the Grand Traverse Conservation District's grant application for the Invasive Species Management Program. Roll call vote: Ayes; John Rothhaar, Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe, Dotty Blank and Sally Casey. Nays; None.**
2. John Rothhaar reported the Grand Traverse Land Conservancy has an agreement to purchase 166 acres of land between Long Lake and Rush Lake along Cooper Rd. It will be used as a nature area open to the public. Fund raising efforts are in effect to help pay for the property, some of the property lays within the NPS scenic drive corridor area. Sally Casey stated the Land Conservancy is still looking at the Mt. Mini property (corrected to Mt. Minnie).

Old Business:

1. Budget workshop scheduled for January 15th at 11:00 am.

County Updates:

Commissioner Art Jeannot presented two reports, one listed the 2019 County highlights the other report was his monthly report which included information on Building Authority, Committee Interviews, Almira Township's new fire chief and the new executive of the Benzie County Chamber of Commerce.

Township Departments.

Planning Commission: Joint meeting between the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals scheduled for January 9, 2020. They will start their review of the Township Master Plan.

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

Assessor: Rates from County indicated an assessed value increase of 1 – 3%, CPI for 2020 is 1.9%.

Supervisor: Board of Review training scheduled for February 19th, there is an opening for an alternate on the Board of Review.

Public Comment:

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 pm.

In Attendance: 8

Dotty Blank, Clerk