

MONTHLY MEETING  
April 1, 2021

**Meeting:** meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

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

**Roll Call:** Present: Sally Casey, Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman, and Dotty Blank.  
Kyle Orr, via zoom, medical reasons.

**Minutes:** March 4, 2021 Township Board Meeting minutes approved as presented.

**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; Kyle Orr, Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman, Dotty Blank and Sally Casey. Nays; None.**  
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; Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey and Kyle Orr. Nays; None.**

**Budget Amendment:** None

**Payment of Township Accounts:** Request for approval of General Fund Checks #8431 through #8453 in the amount of \$11,831.11 for the purpose of paying Township accounts and EFPTS payment of \$2,307.17. **Motion by Sally Casey, seconded by Dotty Blank to approve the payment of Township Accounts as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, Kyle Orr, Anna Grobe, and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; None.**

Request for approval of Fire Fund Checks #1448 and #1449 in the amount of \$261.60. **Motion by Sally Casey, seconded by Maryanne Goodman to approve the payment of Fire Fund checks as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Kyle Orr, Sally Casey, Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman, and Dotty Blank. Nays; None.**

**Additional Agenda items:** None

**Public comment:** None.

**Guests.** Joel Gaff, Ironman race director gave an update on the proposed bike route through Lake Township, which would start at Old State road north along M22 to Martin Rd. The race would continue into Platte Township east on Esch Rd. to Indian Hill than loop back down M22. Total race time will be approximately 4 hours. There was discussion on how intersecting roads would be managed for local residents, Rebecca Hubers, Benzie County Emergency Manager said State Police and Ironman volunteers would be manning the intersections to make sure local residents were able to get to their homes, also emergency vehicles will have first priority on the roads. Question was asked about the residents along Crystal Dr. (M22) since this is a residential area, Rebecca Hubers and Joel Gaff said they will be shifting the route towards the lake and create a third lane to make sure State Police can escort local residents to and from their homes, also they got permission to reduce the speed limit along Crystal Dr. during the race. Joel Gaff said they will get us information on the race route to put on our website and for our newsletter. Matt Skeels, Benzie County Road Commission manager was asked about permits to close the roads, he stated that if local roads are closed then the Township would request permits from the Road Commission, but MDOT would issue permits for M22. After 50 minutes of discussion a **motion by Kyle Orr, seconded by Maryanne Goodman to approve a resolution in support of the Ironman race along M22 in Lake Township for one year only (2021). Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Dotty Blank and Kyle Orr. Nays: Anna Grobe and Sally Casey.**

**Correspondence:**

- Incoming:**
1. Email from Ironman on plans for the bike course and its impact on Lake Twp.
  2. Letter from Township resident opposing the Ironman race.
  3. In reference to information in the County Board of Commissioners minutes about the transfer of the Platte River school property to the Road Commission we contracted the school superintendent and she replied by email that they are in talks with the Road Commission for a potential property transfer agreement.

- Outgoing:**
1. Copy of FEMA Ordinance and Joint Resolution with Benzie County emailed to Matt Occhipinti, Michigan National Flood Insurance Program Coordinator.

**New Business:**

1. Approval of Fire Service and First Responder contracts with the City of Frankfort. **Motion by Anna Grobe, seconded by Maryanne Goodman to approve the contract for Fire Department Service with the City of Frankfort for 2021 in the amount of \$74,747.00. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, Kyle Orr and Anna Grobe. Nays; None. Motion by Anna Grobe, seconded by Dotty Blank to approve the contract for Medical First Response Services with the City of Frankfort for 2021 in the amount of \$16,005.50. Roll call vote: Anna Grobe, Kyle Orr, Sally Casey, Dotty Blank and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; None**
2. Approval of construction contract with the Benzie County Road Commission for improvements of Spruce St. and Ash Ave. **Motion by Kyle Orr, seconded by Dotty Blank to approve the construction to Ash Ave. at the estimated cost of \$24,409.41 and construction to Spruce Street at the estimated cost of \$8,488.75 and authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreements. Roll call vote: Ayes; Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, Kyle Orr, Anna Grobe and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; None.**

3. Approval of brining contract with the Benzie County Road Commission. **Motion by Kyle Orr, seconded by Sally Casey to approve the brining contract using the 26% brine solution to the five Township roads listed at the amount of \$1,101.28 per brine application. Township approval will be required if a second brine is needed. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, Kyle Orr, Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman and Dotty Blank. Nays; None.**
4. Approval of Sheriff Patrol Agreement. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Kyle Orr to approve the Sheriff Patrol Agreement in the amount of \$15,040.00 to start Memorial Day weekend through September 6, 2021 or longer subject to the needs of Lake Township. Roll call vote: Ayes; Kyle Orr, Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman, Dotty Blank and Sally Casey. Nays; None.**
5. Approval of estimate for improvements to front flower bed as requested by the Lakeshore Garden Club. **Motion by Anna Grobe, seconded by Sally Casey to accept the bid of Pletcher Outdoors and approve up to \$1,500.00 for material costs and labor for the requested improvements to the front flower beds. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey and Kyle Orr. Nays; None.**
6. Temporary appointment of Anna Grobe as recording secretary for the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals with compensation at the approved pay schedule for position. **Motion by Dotty Blank, seconded by Sally Casey to approve the temporary appointment of Anna Grobe as recording secretary for the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals with compensation at the approved pay schedule for the position. Roll call vote: Ayes: Maryanne Goodman, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey and Kyle Orr. Abstain: Anna Grobe, Nays; None.**

**Old Business:** None

**County Updates:** Commissioner Art Jeannot submitted his County Commission written report which information on Ironman race, County Administration, Public Safety and Road Commission.

**Township Departments:**

**Planning Commission:** Next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2021 which will be the annual organizational meeting and election of officers.

**Zoning Administrator:** Written report submitted on zoning activities for March 2021.

**Assessor:** Written report submitted, BOR had 14 value appeals, 1 disabled veterans appeal, 3 error corrections and 2 appeals to adjust the boundary between parcels. Working on finalizing the BOR decisions.

**Supervisor:** Attended fire board meeting, there will be a slight increase in contract costs. Would like input on how to handle park attendants this year, should we follow the same restrictions as last year and only have a few employees.

**Public Comment:** Matt Skeels, Benzie County Road Commission Manager informed the Board that Esch Rd. will be improved from M22 to the lake using Federal Funds. Also, there will a culvert replacement on Saffron Rd. at the Township line with Platte Township, that part of the road by be closed for six weeks.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:53 pm.

11 in Attendance

6 in attendance via Zoom:

Dotty Blank, Clerk