

MONTHLY MEETING  
August 5, 2021

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

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

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

**Minutes:** July 1, 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 Kyle Orr, seconded by Sally Casey 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 #8550 through #8586 in the amount of \$30,910.12 for the purpose of paying Township accounts and EFPTS payment of \$2,512.64. **Motion by Sally Casey, seconded by Maryanne Goodman 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 #1458 and #1460 in the amount of \$45,376.25. **Motion by Kyle Orr, seconded by Sally Casey to approve the payment of Fire Fund checks as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, Kyle Orr, Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman and Dotty Blank. Nays; None.**

**Additional Agenda items:** New Business:  
3. Second road brining.  
4. Backblaze fees.

**Public comment:** None

**Guests:** None

Correspondence:

Incoming:

1. Email from both Darcy Library of Beulah and Benzonia Public Library informing us of the number of library card holders; Darcy 397, Benzonia 344. Both indicated the number of users may be higher since the cards are issued to families.
2. Email from Friends of Betsie Valley Trail informing us of the trail resurfacing project completion.
3. Thank you letter from Benzie Area Historical Society for supporting the Museum, the letter also listed the services and programs they provide to the community.
4. Lake Township Road Patrol report for July 2021.
5. Newsletter from Benzie Senior Resources.

Outgoing:

1. Letter of support for the Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network grant application.

New Business:

1. Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy. **Motion by Dotty Blank, seconded by Anna Grobe to approve the Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, Kyle Orr and Anna Grobe. Nays; None.**
2. Petition to reduce speed limit on M-22 (Crystal Dr.) Jim McMillan submitted a petition to reduce the speed limit on 1.5 miles of M-22 (Crystal Dr.) he stated safety concerns for walking, running and bicycle use, also this section of M-22 crosses the highway to access Crystal Lake. After speaking with Dan Wagner from MDOT he has decided to not request a speed study, but to apply for the reduced speed based on a driving environment study which takes into account things like traffic volumes, road side developments, driveways, roadway and shoulder widths and other safety factors that apply.  
**Motion by Anna Grobe, seconded by Kyle Orr to send a letter of support for the driving environment study. Roll call vote: Ayes; Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, Kyle Orr, Anna Grobe and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; None.**
3. Second road brining. The Benzie County Road Commission contacted us to see if we wanted to have a second brining of our gravel roads. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Dotty Blank to authorize the Benzie County Road Commission to brine 2.9 miles of gravel roads within Lake Township. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, Kyle Orr, Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman and Dotty Blank. Nays; None.**
4. Backblaze computer back-up. The cost of backing up our computers will be increasing from \$60.00 to \$70.00 each, but since we are a current customer, they are offering to extend the \$60.00 each for one year if we contact them by August 16<sup>th</sup>. **Motion by Anna Grobe, seconded by Sally Casey to accept the one-year extension of coverage at the rate of \$60.00 for each computer that uses the backblaze back-up program. Roll call vote: yes; Kyle Orr, Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman, Dotty Blank and Sally Casey. Nays; None.**

**Old Business:** 1. ARPA application. Maryanne Goodman informed the Board the she had filed the ARPA application through the State of Michigan and received acknowledgement of the application.

**County Updates:** Commissioner Art Jeannot submitted his County Commission written report which covered County Administration, 2021-2022 Budget, Public Safety and space needs of Central Dispatch.

**Township Departments:**

**Planning Commission:** Next meeting scheduled for September 23, 2021.

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

**Assessor:** No report

**Park Committee:** No report, but resident Jimi Haswell spoke to the deed restriction on the original deed which stipulated no concessions and she explained her interpretation of concessions. She also suggested moving the kiosk to open up the view, and new sign language at the canoe pick-up area.

**Supervisor:** Gave information on bear proof trash cans for the park, the iron man meeting and the need for a recording secretary for the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

**Public Comment:** Sally reminded everyone that Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> is the next clean-up day.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 pm.

7 in Attendance

Dotty Blank, Clerk