

MONTHLY MEETING
February 4, 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: January 7, 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 Sally Casey, seconded by Kyle Orr 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 #8383 through #8406 in the amount of \$10,130.47 for the purpose of paying Township accounts and EFPTS payment of \$2,128.57. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Sally Casey to approve the payment of township accounts as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, Kyle Orr and Anna Grobe. Nays; None.**

Request for approval of Fire Fund Checks #1441 and #1444 in the amount of \$43,458.24. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman seconded by Kyle Orr to approve the payment of Fire Fund checks as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, Kyle Orr, Anna Grobe and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; None.**

Additional Agenda items: None

Public comment: None.

Guests. None

Correspondence:

- Incoming:
1. Benzie County Road Commission annual report.
 2. Letter from Crystal Mountain supporting the Iron Man Race.
 3. Newsletters from Benzie Senior Resources and Benzonia Public Library.
 4. Letter from Madeline Bitzan-Powell resigning as recording secretary of the planning commission and ZBA effective March 1, 2021.

Outgoing: None

New Business:

1. BOR resolution to allow protests in writing. **Motion by Anna Grobe, seconded by Maryanne Goodman to adopt the resolution to allow local residents to protest to board of review in writing. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, Kyle Orr, Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman and Dotty Blank. Nays; None.**
2. Request for financial support for the Aquatic Invasive Species Program. **Motion by Sally Casey, seconded by Anna Grobe to enter into a MOU with the Benzie Conservation District's Aquatic Invasive Species Program for one year only with financial support in the amount of \$2,000.00. Roll call vote: Ayes; Kyle Orr, Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman, Dotty Blank and Sally Casey. Nays; None.**
3. Approval of bids from the Benzie County Road Commission for road improvements to Spruce St. and Ash Ave. The Board was informed that the overhead costs would be reduced from 10% to 8.5%. Also, they feel they can resolve the drainage issue at the Spruce/Ash intersection by diverting the water to an existing drain. **Motion by Kyle Orr, seconded by Dotty Blank to accept the bid with the 8.5% overhead costs with the stipulation that the drainage issue can be resolved as stated, if not Township approval would be required for any additional costs. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey and Kyle Orr. Nays; None.**

Old Business:

1. Floodplain Management Ordinance. The proposed ordinance has been approved by the Michigan FEMA coordinator. The Township must approve the ordinance by March 21, 2021, it is unclear if a public hearing is required, but to be on the safe side the Township Board will hold a public hearing Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:30 PM.
2. Park Improvements. After discussion the Township Board suggested we contact Beckett & Raeder civil engineers for their recommendations for needed improvements.
3. Office closure. We will continue to follow State guidelines, require masks and only have two people from the public in the office at one time.
4. Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer return to work schedule. Both deputies will return to work on Friday, February 5th.
5. Iron Man presentation. Supervisor Grobe will invite a representative of the race to our April 1st meeting.

County Updates: Commissioner Art Jeannot submitted his County Commission written report which included information on BOC organization meeting, and Headlee Amendment.

Township Departments:

Planning Commission: 2021 meeting schedule set, workshops will be set for Master Plan workshops. John suggested will put Master Plan information in our newsletter and website.

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

Assessor: Written report submitted. Finalizing assessment roll, residential values going up due to high sales prices, overall increase will be approximately 14 to 15%.

Supervisor: No report

Public Comment:

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 pm.
In Attendance by telephone 2

Dotty Blank, Clerk