

MONTHLY MEETING
July 1, 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: June 3, 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 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: General Fund budget amendments presented by Maryanne Goodman. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Sally Casey to approve the general fund budget amendments as presented: Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, Kyle Orr and Anna Grobe. Nays; None.**

Payment of Township Accounts: Request for approval of General Fund Checks #8514 through #8549 in the amount of \$41,810.53 for the purpose of paying Township accounts and EFPTS payment of \$2,379.38. **Motion by Sally Casey, seconded by Kyle Orr 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 #1456 and #1457 in the amount of \$73.18. **Motion by Sally Casey, seconded by Maryanne Goodman 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: 4. ARPA money.
5. Charter Communications direct deposit.

Public comment: Dan Degood referenced the letter he and Al Gipps sent to the DNR and NPS, Al Gipps was contacted by the DNR but they didn't have any answers for him, they have heard nothing from the NPS. He stated that the rock formation is not allowing the normal flow of the river.

Guests: None

Correspondence:

- Incoming:**
1. Newsletters from Benzie Senior Resources and Friends of the Darcy Library.
 2. Patrol report for May 2021.
 3. MTA Principles of Governance.
 4. Email from Benzie Conservation District with an update on their Aquatic Invasive Species Pathways Program.

Outgoing: Signed MDOT resolution #2021-08

New Business:

1. Agreements with Benzonia Public Library, Darcy Library of Beulah, Benzie Area Historical Museum and Point Betsie Lighthouse for financial aid. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Sally Casey that the Supervisor sign the agreements as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, Kyle Orr and Anna Grobe. Nays; None.**
2. Summer Collection of School Property taxes agreement between Lake Township and Frankfort-Elberta Schools. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Kyle Orr to sign the agreement for the collection of summer taxes between Lake Township and Frankfort-Elberta Schools. Roll call vote: Ayes; Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, Kyle Orr, Anna Grobe and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; None.**
3. Letter of support for Invasive Species grant Grand Traverse Conservation District is applying for. **Motion by Dotty Blank, seconded by Sally Casey to send a letter of support for the invasive species grant the Grand Traverse Conservation District is applying for through the Great lakes Restoration Initiative via the United States Forest Service. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, Kyle Orr, Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman and Dotty Blank. Nays; None.**
4. ARPA funding. Maryanne explained that Lake Township is allocated approximately \$80,176.00 of the COVID relief fund, and there is a 30-day application period that is supposed to open July 6th. The application requires quite a bit of information, she has watched webinars from MTA on the application process and also has read several articles on what is required. She is hoping to get more specific guidelines on what the money can be used for.
5. Charter Communications is requesting that the Township allow our franchise fee to be direct deposited into our bank account. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Kyle Orr that we sign the agreement with Charter Communications to have our franchise fees direct deposited into our bank account. Roll call vote: Ayes: Kyle Orr, Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman, Dotty Blank and Sally Casey. Nays; None.**

Old Business:

1. Park Committee: Kyle Orr presented a committee report on the park which listed maintenance needs and long-term goals. He feels we need to address the pot hole in the turnaround area and the need for new trash cans.
2. Road Commission bill for paving. Clerk Blank explained that the bills we received are for labor, equipment, gravel and asphalt costs. They proposed that they send us the final bill for fringe benefits and overhead at the end of September, they stated it should save the Township money by billing this way.

County Updates:

Commissioner Art Jeannot submitted his County Commission written report which mentioned they have had a second round of interviews for County Administrator. The County has received its first installment of ARPA funds in the amount of \$1.7M. They are working on the 2021-1022 budget. Central Dispatch is in need of three employees.

Township Departments:

Planning Commission: John Rothhaar prepared a document on the ratification of the 2020 Master. Plan.

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

Assessor: Has been in the field looking at new construction. BOR of review is set for July 20th.

Supervisor: Reported on ZBA hearing and stated that the Park attendants will be working twice a week, one shift from 9:30 am until 2:00 pm.

Public Comment: Sally Casey gave an update of our June clean-up day. Everything went well, 118 residents took advantage of the clean-up, several making two trips. She also reminded everyone that the next clean-up day in August 14th.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20 pm.

8 in Attendance

Dotty Blank, Clerk