

MONTHLY MEETING
June 3, 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: May 6, 2021 Township Board Meeting minutes approved with correction to date of last Planning Commission meeting.

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: None

Payment of Township Accounts: Request for approval of General Fund Checks #8486 through #8513 in the amount of \$27,788.14 for the purpose of paying Township accounts and EFPTS payment of \$2,128.88. **Motion by Sally Casey, seconded by Kyle Orr 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 #1453 through #1455 in the amount of \$208.44. **Motion by Sally Casey, 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: CL&WA Septic Flyer

Public comment: None.

Guests. Pam Radabaugh, Lake Township Representative to Benzie Shores District Library presented the Board with a copy of their budget and answered questions on the expansion of the Library.

Correspondence:

- Incoming:**
1. Benzonia Library newsletter – they are now open to the public.
 2. Email from Crystal Lake Township, they have extended the State of Emergency Manager and Declaration through December 2021.
 3. Email from Figura Law informing us of a rate increase.
 4. Notice of Ironman meeting in Frankfort on June 4, 2021.
 5. Copy of letter sent to the National Park Service and Michigan DNR about safety concerns at the mouth of Platte River.

Outgoing: None

New Business:

1. Appointment of new Planning Commission member. Supervisor recommended that Carl Lightfoot be appointed to the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy of Andra Bouck. Board approved appointment.
2. Insurance coverage for Zoning. **Motion by Dotty Blank, seconded by Maryanne Goodman to add the zoning coverage to our Township policy effective July 1, 2021 Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, Kyle Orr, Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman and Dotty Blank. Nays; None.**
3. Bid policy. **Motion by Kyle Orr seconded by Sally Casey to approve the bid policy with a change to the amount to require bids to \$3,000.00. Roll call vote: Ayes; Kyle Orr, Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman, Dotty Blank and Sally Casey, Nays; None.**
4. Audit results. Copy of audit results presented to Board, information only. Auditors indicated they found no problems with our internal procedures.
5. Master Plan. John Rothhaar suggested we put the Master Plan on our website, and possibly set up an email account for future use.
6. EGLE permit for NPS Platte Point Plan. Information only, the plan is to remove the sediment from the Platte River dredging.
7. Quote from Distinctive Landscaping on upgrades to the Township Park. The quote came in at \$4,725.00. After discussion the Board decided to hold off on any work until a decision is made to what improvements will be needed.
8. CL&WA septic flyer. Crystal Lake & Watershed Association is requesting we put a copy of their flyer on importance of septic tank pumping in with our summer tax bills, they will pay for the printing of the flyer. After discussion the Board approved their request.

Old Business:

1. MDOT resolution for Ironman race. The Township Board approved the bike race course at its April meeting, but MDOT required a Township resolution to use a State Highway Right of Way. **Motion by Anna Grobe, seconded by Kyle Orr to adopt the MDOT resolution #2021-08 as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey and Kyle Orr. Nays: None.**

2. Park Committee. Supervisor Grobe recommended we form an ad-hoc committee to look into what upgrades the Park needs. Immediate issue was the retaining wall and wet area due to high waters last year. Kyle Orr volunteered as a Township Board member, Mark Janeczko volunteered as Planning Commission member, and we will be looking for one more member from the community.

County Updates: Commissioner Art Jeannot submitted his County Commission written report with information on Recruitment of County Administration, 2021-2022 budget, Jail hiring difficulties, and the American Recovery Plan.

Township Departments:

Planning Commission: Next meeting scheduled for June 17, 2021. Continue review of Master. Plan

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

Assessor: Written report submitted, working with Zoning Administrator on land use issues and ZBA application. Has started field work on land use permits issued. Fielding questions on parcel of land the State of Michigan in selling on Saffron Road.

Supervisor: Clean-up day reminder. Update on attendants at the Township Park.

Public Comment: Sally Casey said Mt. Minnie is not open yet, should be open in October. The conservancy has cut in a parking lot off Deadstream Rd.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:35 pm.

8 in Attendance

2 in attendance via Zoom:

Dotty Blank, Clerk