

MONTHLY MEETING
May 6, 2021

Meeting: meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

The Pledge of Allegiance: recited by all.

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

Name Chair of Meeting: Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Sally Casey to name Dotty Blank to chair meeting. Motion carried: Ayes; All.

Minutes: April 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, Maryanne Goodman, Dotty Blank and Sally Casey. Nays; None. Absent: Anna Grobe.
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; Dotty Blank, Sally Casey, Kyle Orr, and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; None. Absent: Anna Grobe.

Budget Amendment: None

Payment of Township Accounts: Request for approval of General Fund Checks #8454 through #8485 in the amount of \$43,253.73 for the purpose of paying Township accounts and EFPTS payment of \$2,151.17. Motion by Sally Casey, seconded by Kyle Orr to approve the payment of Township Accounts as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, Kyle Orr, Maryanne Goodman and Dotty Blank. Nays; None. Absent: Anna Grobe.

Request for approval of Fire Fund Checks #1450 through #1452 in the amount of \$196.68. Motion by Sally Casey, seconded by Kyle Orr to approve the payment of Fire Fund checks as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Kyle Orr, Maryanne Goodman, Dotty Blank and Sally Casey. Nays; None. Absent: Anna Grobe.

Additional Agenda items: None

Public comment: None.

Guests. Paul Olson, Michigan Township Participating Plan. Paul presented copies of our insurance policy to Board members, explained their grant program and told us about insurance for zoning issues, the premium would be approximately \$300.00 additional each year.

Correspondence:

- Incoming:**
1. Newsletters from Benzie Senior Resources.
 2. Email from Sleeping Bear National Park about prescribed burn near Bass Lake.
 3. Email from Department of Natural Resources about online auction of State land off Saffron Rd.
 4. Email from Betsie Valley Trail about the trail resurfacing project.
 5. Email from EGLE about stream cleanup grants, one was awarded to Benzie Conservation District in the amount of \$750.20, and a maintenance grant in the amount of \$2,000.00.
 6. Copy of Benzie County Board of Commissioners resolution to authorize the declaration of the state of emergency for the County.
 7. Email from The Curcio Law Firm concerning use of access points on Platte Lake. This matter has been turned over to our Attorneys.

- Outgoing:**
1. Invoice to NW Michigan Invasive Species Network for their portion of the garlic mustard dumpster.

New Business:

1. Three year proposal for financial audit from Baird, Cotter & Bishop.
Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Sally Casey to approve the three year agreement for financial audits with Baird, Cotter & Bishop Certified Public Accountants. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey and Kyle Orr. Nays; None. Absent: Anna Grobe.

Old Business:

1. Township Park. Kyle has talked with his landscaper about the grass issues at the Park, one option is to add a landscaping fabric and fill over it, or have the area excavated and add approximately 100 yards of fill, That would result in having that part of the sprinkler removed. At this time the most important issue is the exposed timbers at the canoe pick-up area and a dead pine tree.
Motion by Kyle Orr, seconded by Sally Casey to remove the exposed timbers and dead pine tree. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, Kyle Orr, Dotty Blank, and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; None. Absent: Anna Grobe.
2. Flower bed improvements. New landscaping timbers and stone were installed as drip guards in the flower beds.

County Updates: Commissioner Art Jeannot submitted his County Commission written report with information on their annual audit, County administrator recruitment, and County Master Plan.

Township Departments:

Planning Commission: New officers were appointed at their April 15th meeting. A few members met with NPS to see if they had any input on our Master Plan.

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

Assessor: Will be out looking at new construction. Sales quantity has slowed, but values are up.

Supervisor: No report.

Public Comment: None

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 pm.

8 in Attendance

2 in attendance via Zoom:

Dotty Blank, Clerk