

MONTHLY MEETING  
April 7, 2022

**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:** March 3, 2022 Budget Adoption Meeting minutes approved with correction on page two item #6, motion was seconded by Sally Casey. March 3, 2022 Township Board Meeting minutes approved as presented.

**Financial Reports:** General Fund presented by Maryanne Goodman. **Motion by Kyle Orr, 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 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. Absent:**

**Budget Amendment:** None

**Payment of Township Accounts:** Request for approval of General Fund checks #8773 through #8795 in the amount of \$15,456.52 for the purpose of paying Township accounts and EFPTS payment of \$2,310.46. **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 #1480 through #1482 in the amount of \$366.21. **Motion by Kyle Orr, seconded by Sally Casey 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 on Agenda:** None

**Guests:** Joel Gaff, Ironman Race coordinator, answered questions and concerns the Board had on last years race. Bike route will be the same, with a hard cut-off time at Esch Rd. of 1:10 PM. Proceeds from last year's race in the amount of \$26,000 was distributed area wide, with approximately \$5,000 going to schools and local clubs in Benzie County. A private fundraiser was held to benefit Pt. Betsie Lighthouse.

**Motion by Anna Grobe, seconded by Kyle Orr to approve the Ironman 70.3 Michigan bike route through Lake Township to be held September 11, 2022.**

**Correspondence:**

- Incoming:**
1. Newsletters from Benzie Senior Resources, Benzonia Public Library and Benzie Shores District Library.
  2. Par Plan newsletter.
  3. Letter of support for the 2022 Ironman Race.
  4. Email notifying us of the passing of Frank Walterhouse and the date of his funeral service.
  5. Email from Rebecca Hubers and Calvin Dennis on possible CPR class.

- Outgoing:**
1. Authorization for brining to BCRC.

**New Business:**

1. Request from Benzie Conservation District for financial support of their aquatic invasive species program. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Benzie Conservation District and the Lake Township Board for the Aquatic Invasive Species Program for one-year effective May 1, 2022 with financial aid of \$2,000.00. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, Kyle Orr, Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman and Dotty Blank. Nays; None.**

2. Sheriff Patrol Agreement. **Motion by Anna Grobe, seconded by Sally Casey to approve the contract between the Benzie County Sheriff's Office and Lake Township for road patrol coverage as specified in the agreement and authorize the Supervisor to sign. Roll call vote: Ayes; Kyle Orr, Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman, Dotty Blank and Sally Casey. Nays; None.**

3. Master Plan Survey. John Rothhaar, Chairman of our Planning Commission asked that Board members review the survey he prepared about the Master Plan. The Planning Commission will work to finalize the survey at their April 21, 2022 meeting.

4. RFPs for legal counsel. The Board received three responses to the RFP's; Mika Meyers, Young, Graham & Wendling and Olson, Bzdok & Howard. The Board was asked to review the proposal and a special meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM for a decision.

**Old Business:**

1. Trash cans/self-pay tubes for the Township Park. **Motion by Kyle Orr, seconded by Maryanne Goodman to approve purchase of two custom double trash receptacles and two custom self-pay tubes from Wheelock & Sons. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey and Kyle Orr. Nays; None.**

2. Private access roads to Platte Lake/letter to Figura Law. Supervisor Grobe explained email she received from Attorney Curcio, Attorney for resident using the private access in violation of our ordinance which indicated he was informed by Figura Law that they were no longer representing

Lake Township. Supervisor Grobe sent a letter to Figura Law indicating the Boards disappointment with how we were informed of their decision not to represent us.

3. Resolution opposing HB 4722 short term rentals. **Motion by Sally Casey, seconded by Maryanne Goodman to approve Township Resolution #2022-07 opposing HB 4722 that takes away local regulation of short-term rentals. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman, Dotty Blank, Sally Casey and Kyle Orr. Nays; None.**

4. Contract for maintenance of private roads. This was information was sent to us by the Benzie County Road Commission which explains Michigan Compiled Law #247.391, our ability to contract for the maintenance or improvement of any private roads within the Township.

**County Updates:** Commissioner Art Jeannot submitted his report from the County Commission which covered County Administration, Special Millage requests, and the Economic Development.

**Township Departments:**

Planning Commission: Annual meeting scheduled for April 21, 2022.

Zoning Administrator: Presented written report on zoning activities for March, 2022.

Assessor: Board of Review complete, 8 petitions received.

Park Committee: No report.

Supervisor: No report.

**Public Comment:**

Meeting Adjourned: 8:50 pm.

13 in Attendance

Dotty Blank, Clerk