

MONTHLY MEETING
January 5, 2023

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 Anna Grobe.

Select a moderator for the meeting: Motion by Maryanne Goodman with support by Sally Casey to nominate Anna Grobe. Ayes; all. Nays; none.

Minutes: December 1, 2022 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; Anna Grobe, Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman and Kyle Orr. 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; Maryanne Goodman, Sally Casey, Kyle Orr and Anna Grobe. Nays; None.**

Budget Amendment: None

Payment of Township Accounts: Request for approval of General Fund checks #9083 through #9105 in the amount of \$16,580.34 for the purpose of paying Township accounts, a debit card payment of \$179.90 for the purchase of salt for the parking lot and an EFPTS payment of \$1,785.92. **Motion by Sally Casey, seconded by Kyle Orr, to approve the payment of Township accounts as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Kyle Orr and Anna Grobe, Sally Casey and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; None.**

Request for approval of Fire Fund checks #1506 through #1507 in the amount of \$267.21. **Motion by Kyle Orr, seconded by Sally Casey to approve the payment of Fire Fund checks as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman and Kyle Orr. Nays; None.**

Additional Agenda items: None

Public comment on Agenda: None

Guests:

Rebecca Hubers, Emergency Management. Gave an overview of the how data was collected for the draft Natural Hazard Mitigation Strategies from the community.

Mike Cerderholm gave an overview of the calls from the last year. A good portion of the calls were for slips and falls. Rebecca commented that utilizing SMART 911 is a useful tool for the public to sign up for. This would give 911 a way to reach out to family members and possibly neighbors in the event of an emergency.

Correspondence:

Incoming:

1. Newsletter from Benzie Senior Resources.
2. Email from Joel Gaff, Ironman requesting to be on the February agenda.
3. Three letters of interest for the open Supervisor position.
4. Newsletter from John Roth.
5. Frankfort Fire Dept. Report.
6. Benzie County Road Commission year-end report.

Outgoing:

1. Thank you letter sent to Riverside Canoe for their donation and matching funds for the Township Park

New Business:

1. Introduction of the new Deputy Clerk, Penny Georgevich.
2. Schedule the Budget workshop. Workshop will be held on Wednesday January 18 at 10:00.
3. Discussion of the scheduling a special meeting for interviews for the open Supervisor position. Meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 26 at 6:00.
4. Authorization of individuals who will be allowed to sign checks for all Township accounts, as well as the Michigan Class accounts. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Sally Casey to authorize the following individuals to be signers on all Township accounts and the Michigan Class accounts: Madeline M. Bitzan-Powell, Maryanne T. Goodman, Anna Grobe and Penny Georgevich. Ayes; Kyle Orr, Sally Casey, Anna Grobe and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; none.**

Old Business:

1. Distribution of ARPA funds. Discussion on how we would like to have funds directed. We would need to report on how we commit our funds by 12-31-2024 and we would need to spend the funds by 12-31-26. Possibly advertise for petitions from organizations on contributions. Also, possibility of combining funds with the County to allow for more matching funds from the State for projects. Both Rebecca and Mike mentioned that the County needs a new tower for the radios that are used by emergency services. Currently a repeater (internet based) is used and coverage can be spotty during the summer with increased internet use and because of the topography of the county.

County Updates:

Commissioner Art Jeannot submitted his written report from the County Commission which covered Public Safety, Housing, Human Resources, Economic Development and Drain Commission. Commissioner Karen Cunningham, newly elected County Commissioner introduced herself and looks forward to being a part of the Township.

Township Departments:

Planning Commission: Special meeting scheduled for January 19 at 6:30 to meet Josh Mills and continue discussion on the Master Plan and other issues that are presented.

Zoning Administrator: Written report submitted on zoning activities for December, 2022.

Assessor: Gunnar submitted a written report, he has made physical inspection on properties with finalized permits, open permits will be inspected in spring of 2023.

Park Committee: No report

Supervisor: No report

Public Comment: Clean up days have been scheduled for June 17 and August 19. It was mentioned that the DNR has a program that will recycle fiberglass boats.

13 in Attendance

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM

Anna Grobe, Clerk