

MONTHLY MEETING
April 6, 2023

Meeting: meeting called to order by Jeff Johnson at 7:03 PM

The Pledge of Allegiance: recited by all.

Jeff Johnson made opening statements regarding comments. Individuals will be allowed 3 minutes and if there is a spokesperson for a group, they would be allowed 10-12 minutes.

Roll Call: Present: Jeff Johnson, Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe, Sally Casey and Kyle Orr.

Minutes: March 2, 2023, Township Board Meeting minutes approved with one correction; **year should read 2023 not 2032.**

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; Sally Casey, Kyle Orr, Jeff Johnson, Maryanne Goodman, and Anna Grobe. 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, Jeff Johnson, Kyle Orr and Sally Casey. Nays; None.**

Budget Amendment: None

Payment of Township Accounts: Request for approval of General Fund checks #9159 through #9185 in the amount of \$19,538.86 for the purpose of paying Township accounts and EFPTS payment of \$1,622.33. **Motion by Sally Casey, seconded by Kyle Orr, to approve the payment of township accounts as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Kyle Orr, Jeff Johnson, Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman and Anna Grobe. Nays; None.**

Request for approval of Fire Fund checks #1514 through #1516 in the amount of \$572.75. **Motion by Kyle Orr, seconded by Sally Casey to approve the payment of Fire Fund checks as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Kyle Orr, Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman and Jeff Johnson. Nays; None.**

Additional Agenda items: Additional incoming correspondence.

Public comment on Agenda:

Guests:

Correspondence:

- Incoming:**
1. Newsletter from Benzie Senior Resources.
 2. Fire report and a printout of a fall risk prevention guide.
 3. Several letters regarding Sutter Rd.
 4. Signed MOU from the Conservation District.
 5. Letter from Homestead Twp., they are starting on their Master Plan review.
 6. Newsletter from the Benzonia Public Library.
 7. Benzie Shores District Library newsletter.
 8. Par Plan newsletter.

Outgoing: None

New Business:

1. Agreement to have a dumpster at the Township for the disposal of garlic mustard. Motion by Anna Grobe with a second by Sally Casey to approve the arrangement. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Kyle Orr Sally Casey, Anna Grobe and Jeff Johnson. Nays; none.
2. Contract for road brining. Motion by Anna Grobe with a second by Maryanne Goodman to approve the contract at a cost of \$2,004.78 for 1 application. We will request that the Road Commission contact the office prior to a second application. This brine is not subject to any regulations by EGLE. Roll call vote: Ayes; Kyle Orr, Sally Casey, Jeff Johnson, Maryanne Goodman and Anna Grobe. Nays; none.
3. Opening of sealed bids for the parking lot improvements. Bids opened by Jeff Johnson and estimates read and recorded on tally sheet. Discussion held on the bids. Motion by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Jeff Johnson to accept the bid submitted by AJ's Excavating, with the understanding that they will not do the striping on the parking spots. We may contact the company that resealed and striped the parking lot of the Township Park to do this work. Roll call vote: Ayes; Kyle Orr, Sally Casey, Anna Grobe, Jeff Johnson and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; none.
4. Proposed re-location of Sutter Rd and response letter to the Road Commission. Possible letter from the Township stating that the concerns of residents be addressed in any agreement with the Road Commission and Crystal Downs Country Club.
5. Summer Road Patrol contract. There will be a slight increase of \$640.00 of the overall contract as presented (opposed to 2022). Motion by Anna Grobe with a second by Sally Casey to approve the contract as presented. Roll call vote; Ayes; Jeff Johnson, Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman, Kyle Orr and Sally Casey. Nays; none.
6. Adoption of the Master Plan. Question was asked about discussion before the Master Plan is adopted. There was a public hearing held prior to this meeting when issues should have been raised. Motion by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Kyle Orr to adopt the plan with minor corrections. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Kyle Orr, Sally Casey, Jeff Johnson and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; none.
7. Approval of Fire Protection and 1st Responders contracts with the Frankfort Fire Dept. Motion by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Jeff Johnson to approve the Fire Protection contract as presented. Roll call vote; Ayes; Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman, Jeff Johnson, Anna Grobe and Kyle Orr. Nays; none. Motion to approve the 1st Responders contract as presented by Anna Grobe with a

second by Maryanne Goodman. Roll call vote: Ayes; Anna Grobe, Sally Casey Maryanne Goodman, Kyle Orr and Jeff Johnson. Nays; none.

Old Business:

1. Discussion on support/financial aid for the construction of a new radio tower to assist first responders. Motion by Anna Grobe with a second by Maryanne Goodman to commit \$100,000.00 for the construction of a new tower to aid in radio communications for emergency personnel with funding source and language to be determined at a later date. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, Anna Grobe, Jeff Johnson, and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; Kyle Orr.

County Updates: Commissioner Art Jeannot, District 2 submitted his written report. He yielded his time for questions so that discussion could be held on Sutter Rd.
Commissioner Karen Cunningham , District 3 submitted her written report.

Township Departments:

Planning Commission: Short Term Rental issue-possible draft ordinance, policy and fee schedule will be discussed at the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday April 13 at 6:30pm.

Zoning Administrator: Written report submitted on zoning activities for March, 2023. Two ZBA hearings are scheduled for Monday April 24 starting at 7:00pm.

Assessor: Board of Review went well.

Park Committee: No report.

Supervisor: Repeated his opening statements as to the procedure for comments regarding Sutter Rd.

Public Comment:

SUTTER ROAD

Doug Mansfield, Mansfield Land Use Consultants gave a brief statement on the proposed relocation of Sutter Rd.

Mike Tarkington, Steve Christian, Joe Zalar, Nancy Reed, Katherine Webb, Elizabeth Rogers, spoke of their concerns with re-aligning Sutter Rd.

Eldon Miller, spoke of some other ways that safety concerns can be addressed.

Mike Huget, President of CDCC, stated that they have not communicated with the public yet as to the plans and timeline of the project.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:10 pm.

26 in Attendance

Anna Grobe, Clerk