

MONTHLY MEETING  
May 4, 2023

**Meeting:** meeting called to order by Jeff Johnson at 7:00 PM

**The Pledge of Allegiance:** recited by all.

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

**Minutes:** April 6, 2023, Township Board Meeting minutes approved as presented. Although it was not on the agenda, the minutes of the public hearing on the master plan was also presented and was 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, Jeff Johnson, Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman, 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, Sally Casey, Kyle Orr, Jeff Johnson, Maryanne Goodman. Nays; None.**

**Budget Amendment:** None

**Payment of Township Accounts:** Request for approval of General Fund checks #9186 through #9112 in the amount of \$16,461.38 for the purpose of paying Township accounts and EFPTS payment of \$1,546.38. **Motion by Sally Casey, seconded by Anna Grobe approve the payment of township accounts as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Jeff Johnson, Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe, Sally Casey, Kyle Orr. Nays; None.**

Request for approval of Fire Fund checks #1517 through #1518 in the amount of \$389.34. **Motion by Kyle Orr, seconded by Maryanne Goodman approve the payment of Fire Fund checks as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe, Jeff Johnson, Kyle Orr, Sally Casey. Nays; None.**

**Additional Agenda items:** Additional incoming correspondence.

**Public comment on Agenda:** none

**Guests:** Chuck Clark and Dick Taylor-Point Betsie restoration/protection plan. Chuck gave a slide presentation on the history of the proposed project. Dick Taylor asked for the letter of support for the application and if we would like to commit funds that also be made, even though firm costs for the

project are not yet available. **Motion by Kyle Orr seconded by Sally Casey to send a letter of support. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Jeff Johnson, Kyle Orr, Sally Casey, Anna Grobe. Nays; None.** Discussion was also held on the amount of money the Township would contribute to the project. It was suggested that half the ARPA money be used toward the emergency radio tower that was approved (total approved was \$100,000.00) and that the remainder of the ARPA money be used for the Point Betsie restoration project, with the total contributed at this time to be \$100,000.00. **Motion by Kyle Orr seconded by Jeff Johnson to approve the contribution as stated. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Jeff Johnson, Sally Casey, Anna Grobe, Kyle Orr. Nays; None.**

**Correspondence:**

- Incoming:**
1. Numerous letters regarding Sutter Rd.
  2. Newsletter from the Benzonia Public Library
  3. Fire Department report for March/April 2023. Mike Cederholm also reported on the runs in the Township for the past month.
  4. Benzie Shores District Library newsletter.
  5. Benzie Senior Resource newsletter.

- Outgoing:**
1. Contract with the Benzie County Road Commission regarding brining.
  2. Contracts with the Frankfort Fire Dept. regarding fire protection and 1<sup>st</sup>. responders.
  3. Agreement with Republic Services for the Garlic Mustard dumpster.
  4. Information requested by the auditors sent.

**New Business:**

1. Building repairs (concrete block/door issue, emergency exit door handles) an estimate was received from Foundation Systems of Michigan for the repair of the wall and door issues. It was suggested that the work be done coincide with the parking lot. It was further suggested that both projects be scheduled for after Labor Day. **Motion by Kyle Orr seconded by Maryanne Goodman to contract with FSM for repairs to the building. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe, Jeff Johnson, Kyle Orr. Nays; None.**

**Old Business:**

1. Sutter Rd. Consensus was that the Township does not have input on the proposed project. A question was asked about sending a letter to the BCRC and if one is needed, we can send one.

**County Updates:** Commissioner Art Jeannot, District 2 submitted his written report.  
Commissioner Karen Cunningham , District 3 submitted her written report.

**Township Departments:**

**Planning Commission:** Short term rental ordinance sent to attorney for review.  
**Zoning Administrator:** Written report and question were answered.  
**Assessor:** Written Report  
**Park Committee:** No report.

Supervisor: Spoke about meeting with residents of Beech St. He will check with the BCRC and get more information.

**Public Comment:** Residents commented further on the work being done on Beech St.  
Question was asked if the Township could be reimbursed for “yard waste” fires that the Fire Department needs to respond to? It could be an additional Zoning Ordinance.  
Additional questions and concerns about Sutter Rd. and who should be contacted.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:08 pm.

26 in Attendance

Anna Grobe, Clerk