

MONTHLY MEETING  
July 6, 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:** June 1, 2023, 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, Jeff Johnson, 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 Kyle Orr, Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman, Jeff Johnson and Anna Grobe. Nays; None.**

**Budget Amendment:** Presented by Maryanne Goodman. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Kyle Orr to approve the amendments as presented. Ayes; Jeff, Anna Grobe, Kyle Orr, Sally Casey and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; none**

**Payment of Township Accounts:**

Checks # 753 & 754 for our contributions for the radio tower and Point Betsie.

Request for approval of General Fund checks #9244 through #9291 in the amount of \$49,004.62 for the purpose of paying Township accounts and EFPTS payment of \$2,094.39. Check # 9267 is void due to a printing error. **Motion by Sally Casey, seconded by Kyle Orr to approve the payment of township accounts as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Jeff Johnson, Maryanne Goodman, Kyle Orr, Anna Grobe and Sally Casey. Nays; None.**

Request for approval of Fire Fund checks #1521 through #1522 in the amount of \$198.00. **Motion by Kyle Orr, seconded by Anna Grobe to approve the payment of Fire Fund checks as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, Jeff Johnson, Kyle Orr, Maryanne Goodman and Anna Grobe. Nays; None.**

**Additional Agenda items:** new date for the August clean up will be on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Incoming correspondence. New business.

**Public comment on Agenda:** None.

**Guests:** None

**Correspondence:**

**Incoming:**

1. Friends of Darcy Library newsletter.
2. BACN summer newsletter.
3. Letter from Carl Greene regarding STR ordinance.
4. Benzonia Public Library newsletter.
5. Fire Department report.
6. Benzie Senior Resources newsletter.
7. Summer Road Patrol report for May available for review.
8. Benzie Shores District Library newsletter.

**Outgoing:**

1. Letter of intent to support the Frankfort Fire Dept. to apply for grant money for equipment.
2. Proclamation for the Crystal Lake Sesqui-centennial.
3. Letter from the Zoning Administrator to Woodland Ave. residents regarding obstructions in the road.
4. Letter and check sent to the Friends of Point Betsie Lighthouse for our contribution for the shoreline protection system project.
5. Letters and check sent to Benzie County for our contribution for the emergency communications tower project.
6. Letter of support sent to the County Commissioners for the emergency communications tower project.

**New Business:**

1. Request for payment for materials to repair Poplar St. Denied due to no discussion or prior approval from the Board.
2. Information on changing phone service provider. Clerk will check with other municipalities that have switched to see how they feel about the service and support.
3. Short term rental ordinance. Schedule public hearing. Hearing is scheduled for August 3 at 6:00 to be followed by the regular monthly meeting at 7:00.
4. Slope maps and possible payment to have them show areas in the Township. Jeff checked with the County and there is another firm that has done work for the County and we will be getting a quote from them for the maps.
5. Contributions for other organizations. In the past we have made contribution to the libraries in Beulah and Benzonia, the Historical Society and Point Betsie. After some discussion a motion was made by Maryanne Goodman seconded by Sally Casey to authorize the Clerk to issue checks for the libraries in the amount of \$2,000.00, and the Historical Society and Point Betsie in the amount of \$1,000.00. She will also include a letter stating that if there are any additional projects, additional money MAY be available. It was also mentioned that HARP may be in need of some

funding. Kyle will reach out to them and get back to the Board. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Kyle Orr, Jeff Johnson, Anna Grobe, Sally Casey and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; None.**

**Old Business:**

1. Discuss parking lot improvements; entrance and exit driveways, mailbox location, parking spaces, handicap parking space. We will need to decide what driveways we want to designate as entrance and exit, what orientation we want parking spaces and how many, handicap parking space to be van accessible and placement of mailbox (depending on driveways). Clerk asked Board to start looking at the parking lot so that we can let AJ know before the work begins. Kyle will get information for parking spaces.

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

**Township Departments:**

**Planning Commission:** Next meeting is scheduled for Sept 14 at 6:30. Main topic will be the watershed overlay district. It was also asked that they look at the fee schedule.

**Zoning Administrator:** Written report and question were answered. 2 ZBA appeals hearings scheduled for July 26 at 6:30.

**Assessor:** Written Report. Board of Review will be meeting on Tuesday July 18 at 10:00 to correct clerical errors and mutual mistakes of facts. No appeals will be heard at this meeting.

**Park Committee:** After a walk about by the Board one of the new large trash receptacles was moved and it seems to be getting more use. Mark has been finishing up the benches and tables and cleaning up the kiosk.

**Supervisor:** There was an issue with the sprinkler system and it took some time to get it fixed but it is working now. Jeff suggested that we may want to think about a new control system for next year's budget.

**Cleanup Day-** 135 loads brought through. Thank you to all the volunteers who help with the unloading and to those persons who provided goodies. Also, a big thank you to Mike who collects the metal.

**Public Comment:** Any improvements on Township or County roads should not be allowed by any private individuals.

It was asked if Planning Commission members can be signed up for any publications from MTA. The Clerk will look into making sure that they are included in any mailings.

It was asked of Josh the timeline for the Woodland Rd issues? He will be going to check on the road on Saturday and would be happy to meet with residents to see what the area looks like.

Carl Greene, is happy that there will be a public hearing on the STR ordinance, he thinks that the fee should be based on size as opposed to the flat fee, appreciates the contributions by the Township,

Meeting Adjourned: 8:50 pm

13 in Attendance

Anna Grobe, Clerk