

MONTHLY MEETING  
October 5, 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:** September 7, 2023, Township Board meeting minutes approved with one correction. Ending check number for payment of bills should have been #9377. Ayes; all. Nays; none.

**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, Maryanne Goodman, Kyle Orr and Sally Casey. Nays; None.**

Fire Fund presented by Maryanne Goodman. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman seconded by Anna Grobe to approve the fire fund report as read. Roll call vote: Ayes; Kyle Orr, Jeff Johnson, Maryanne Goodman, Sally Casey and Anna Grobe. Nays; None.**

**Budget Amendment:** Maryanne Goodman presented the board with several budget amendments for both the General Fund and Fire Fund. Motion by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Jeff Johnson to approve the General Fund amendments. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Jeff Johnson, Sally Casey, Anna Grobe, Kyle Orr and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; None.**

Motion by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Kyle Orr to approve the Fire Fund amendments. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, Anna Grobe, Jeff Johnson, Maryanne Goodman and Kyle Orr. Nays; None.**

**Payment of Township Accounts:**

Request for approval of General Fund checks #9378 through #9419, in the amount of \$40,436.68 for the purpose of paying Township accounts, this includes an EFPTS payment of \$1,888.86. **Motion by Sally Casey, seconded by Kyle Orr to approve the payment of township accounts as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Kyle Orr, Anna Grobe, Jeff Johnson, Sally Casey and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; None.**

Request for approval of Fire Fund checks #1530 through #1531 in the amount of \$76.83. **Motion by Kyle Orr, seconded by Anna Grobe to approve the payment of Fire Fund checks as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, Anna Grobe Maryanne Goodman, Jeff Johnson and Kyle Orr. Nays; None.**

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

**Announcements:** Dates and times for the preliminary and public accuracy tests for the November 7 election. Troy Hinds introduced himself as the new BCRC Manager gave us some information and asked for support for the millage request that is on the ballot for November.

Thank you to the PLIA for the donation of the TV.

We need to have a formal resolution for the formation of a Park Committee. This would allow the Township to apply for grant money.

**Public comment on Agenda:** none.

### **Guests**

Chris DeGood- Beckett & Raeder provided information on some of the options that we have for the non-motorized boat launch at the park. The board decided on option of going with a natural surface. Chris will get in touch with EGLE regarding permitting etc. and will come back to the meeting in November with more information.

### **Correspondence:**

#### **Incoming:**

1. Benzie Senior Resources newsletter.
2. Letter from Charter Communications regarding changes in the channel line-up.
3. Sheriff road patrol reports from August and September.
4. Benzie Shores District Library newsletter.
5. ParPlan newsletter.
6. Benzonia Public Library newsletter.

#### **Outgoing:**

### **New Business:**

1. Letter from the Darcy Library requesting aid in up-coming projects. Motion by Jeff Johnson with a second by Kyle Orr to approve a contribution of \$1,300.00 for the upgrades to the lights. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Kyle Orr, Anna Grobe, Jeff Johnson, Sally Casey and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; None.**
2. Quotes for security systems for the new drop box. Quotes received from TKS and EPS. It was suggested that we slow down and table the discussion until November due to the State re-evaluating the situation.
3. Check return fee. Maryanne stated that there is no longer a charge from the bank for bounced checks. We charge \$25.00 for the processing and additional paperwork by a resolution adopted years ago. It was decided that we will continue with the charge.

Jeff excused from the meeting at 8:24 and returns at 8:27.

4. Discussion on a Code Enforcement Officer. Maryanne has been working on a job description and pay scale. An ad will be placed in the local paper for the positions. Motion by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Anna Grobe to adopt a resolution (with the number TBA) for the hiring of a code enforcement officer. **Roll call vote: Ayes; Sally Casey, Kyle Orr, Maryanne Goodman, Jeff Johnson and Anna Grobe. Nays; None.**

**Old Business:** Request from the residents from Dye Brothers sub-division for repairs and maintenance of Ash, Spruce, Poplar, Elm, Hickory and Maple. An additional letter was received with very specific requests. Jeff will send a letter to Scott Wills to let him know that any work done would need to meet the specifications of the BCRC.

**County Updates:** Commissioner Art Jeannot, District 2 submitted his written report. There will be a forum on October 30 to discuss the proposed Headlee Resolution Reset. Two representatives from each Township are invited to attend. He stated that if a majority of the Townships do not support the roll back then the County will not go forward with trying to have something on the ballot for 2024.

Commissioner Karen Cunningham, District 3 submitted her written report.

**Township Departments:**

**Planning Commission:** Possible special meeting to discuss the proposed Crystal Lake Watershed District changes.

**Zoning Administrator:** Written report.

**Assessor:** Written report

**Park Committee:**

**Supervisor:** Reviewed the STR application. Had a meeting with Sheriff Rosa to discuss the STR procedure. Reviewed the park season revenues and expenses.

**Public Comment:** Wilfred Swiecki again requested reports from the Zoning Administrator or Supervisor that any new construction are following the ordinance so that he can report to the PLIA. Possible photos taken by assessor when going out to check construction progress. He was asked if they are getting the information from any other Townships? No, they are starting with us. It was suggested that perhaps the Sheriff Dept. be called to meet on sites for any STR violation complaints.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:35 pm.

12 in Attendance

Anna Grobe, Clerk