

MONTHLY MEETING  
December 7, 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:** November 2, 2023, Township Board meeting and Special Meeting minutes approved.  
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; Kyle Orr, Maryanne Goodman, Sally Casey, Anna Grobe and Jeff Johnson. 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, Sally Casey, Jeff Johnson and Kyle Orr. Nays; None.**

**Budget Amendment:** Amendments for the General Fund budget presented by Maryanne Goodman. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman, seconded by Anna Grobe to approve the general fund budget amendments as read. Roll call vote: Ayes; Jeff Johnson, Kyle Orr, Sally Casey, Maryanne Goodman and Anna Grobe. Nays; None.**

**Payment of Township Accounts:**

Check # 9332 in the amount of \$66.96 was voided and re-issued with Check # 9453. This was due to the original check not being received. Shortly after the re-issuance, the original check was received and has been returned to the Township. Request for approval of General Fund checks #9454 through #9495, in the amount of \$25,382.51 for the purpose of paying Township accounts, this includes an EFPTS payment of \$73,087.67. **Motion by Sally Casey, seconded by Anna Grobe to approve the payment of township accounts as presented. Check # 9492 is void due to a printing error Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Jeff Johnson, Sally Casey, Kyle Orr and Anna Grobe. Nays; None.**

Request for approval of Fire Fund checks #1534 through #1535 in the amount of \$91.86. **Motion by Kyle Orr, seconded by Sally Casey to approve the payment of Fire Fund checks as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes; Maryanne Goodman, Anna Grobe, Sally Casey, Kyle Orr and Jeff Johnson. Nays; None.**

**Additional Agenda items:**

Under old business- Headlee rollback/restoration information  
Under new business-Ironman event for 2024

**Announcements:** Clean up days have been scheduled: June 15 and August 17, 8-noon

**Public comment on Agenda:** none.

**Guests:** none

**Correspondence:**

**Incoming:**

1. Fire Dept. report
2. Newsletter from BACN
3. Newsletter from Benzie Senior Resources
4. Newsletter from Benzie Shores District Library
5. Newsletter from Benzonia Public Library

**Outgoing:**

1. Letter sent regarding “tiny house” trailer.

**New Business:**

- A. Resolution for Poverty Exemption for 2024 assessments. **Motion by Anna Grobe with a second by Maryanne Goodman to adopt the resolution as presented. Roll call vote; Ayes; Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman, Kyle Orr, Jeff Johnson and Sally Casey. Nays; none.**
- B. Contract for the collection of taxes for the Frankfort-Elberta School Districts. Motion by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Sally Casey. **Roll call vote; Ayes; Jeff Johnson, Anna Grobe, Kyle Orr, Sally Casey and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; none.**
- C. Discussion on need to have the Township listed on homeowner insurance for STR. Because it is not in the ordinance, it was decided that it would be removed from the application.
- D. Ironman event for 2024. **Motion by Anna Grobe with a second by Maryanne Goodman to approve the event and request to MDOT to close M-22 for the 2024 Ironman race. Roll call vote: Ayes; Jeff Johnson, Anna Grobe, Kyle Orr, Sally Casey and Maryanne Goodman. Nays; none.**

**Old Business:**

- A. Discussion on increasing the Clerk’s salary for the extra work involved with the 9 days of early voting that will start in 2024. The Clerk is requesting an increase of \$500.00 for the month preceding any State or Federal elections that will involve the 9 days of early voting. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Jeff Johnson. Roll call vote; Ayes; Kyle Orr, Maryanne Goodman, Jeff Johnson and Sally Casey. Nays; none. Abstain; Anna Grobe.**
- B. Discussion on a resolution of support for the County to consider placing a Headlee restoration initiative on the ballot for August and possibly November. **Motion by Maryanne Goodman with a second by Kyle Orr to support the resolution. Roll call vote: Ayes; Kyle Orr, Anna Grobe, Maryanne Goodman and Jeff Johnson. Nays; Sally Casey.**

**County Updates:** Commissioner Art Jeannot, District 2 submitted his written report and answered questions regarding the Headlee restoration.

Commissioner Karen Cunningham , District 3 submitted her written report. Spoke on some of the meetings that she has attended. Also, continued discussion on the proposed Headlee rollback/restoration.

**Township Departments:**

**Planning Commission:** Special meeting was held to discuss the Crystal Lake Watershed Overlay District. A committee of representatives from Benzonia Township, Village of Beulah, Crystal Lake Township and the Zoning Administrator will be meeting to discuss the recent changes. There was a question asked about having an Overlay District for the Township that would encompass all the lakes in the Township. There will be a meeting with Chris DeGood and a representative from EGLE to discuss the upgrades that we would like to do at the park on Friday December 8.

**Zoning Administrator:** Written report.

**Assessor:** Written report

**Park Committee:** See above under planning commission.

**Supervisor:** Written report. Will be meeting the Sheriff Rosa on Wednesday December 13 and will introduce Mark as our new Code Enforcement Officer.

**Public Comment:** Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:51 pm.

6 in Attendance

Anna Grobe, Clerk