



**Regular Board Minutes
April 9, 2018 – 7:30 p.m.**

Meeting call to order by Supv. Brian Moore with the pledge of allegiance recited by all.

In attendance: Brian Moore, Richard Hitchingham, Judy Wheelock, Keith Moore, Penny Nelson

Any additions or corrections to the agenda by Board and/or audience. R. Hitchingham asked to add township road discussion to old business. Motion by K. Moore; 2nd by J. Wheelock to approve agenda with the additions.

Motion to approve minutes of March 12, 2018 budget meeting. K. Moore: Correction to motion to increase snowplow to reflect "Yea: K. Moore; Nay: B. Moore". Motion by J. Wheelock; 2nd by K. Moore to approve the budget meeting minutes with the correction. Passed.

Motion to approve minutes of March 12, 2018 regular board meeting by K. Moore; 2nd by J. Wheelock. Passed.

Treasurer's report. R. Hitchingham, treasurer reviewed operating statement which show a net income of \$54,597.92 which doesn't reflect the year's fire contract. Since we didn't receive fire protection bill April 1, 2018-March 30, 2019 contract until April, he may move the \$18,540 for the 2018-19 fiscal year into March, reducing the net income. Will make decision by next meeting. Net income would be approx. \$36,000.

Motion to pay bills by R. Hitchingham; 2nd by J. Wheelock to pay bills presented. Passed.

Officers and committee reports:

Cleon Fire Department. Capt. Dave Saunders reviewed their many responses and activities during March. Have three new members to graduate in June.

Caretaker. Tom reviewed the work he performed in March. Prepared equipment for spring. Discussed opening of campground and initial water samples from the wells. Brian will work with Tom to take water samples. One gallon of chlorine for each well is needed. Over the next two years, the DNR contracted to have 23 acres logged by the boat launch across the lake. Nothing is being removed from the campground proper. There are several maples that are dying and need removal by Tom.

Betsie Valley Library. D. Hitchingham reviewed Betsie Valley library report of their many activities.

Recreation Committee Plan. Jack Cramer explained the status of the committee. Focus is now on strictly trails, building out existing trails (resurfacing) and building new trails to the southern end of Manistee County. Recreation Authority is still active, but in the meantime, there needs to be a place to park monies received from grants or donations. Manistee Community Foundation may act as fiduciary for the trail planners. \$84,000 still needed for the Betsie River path trail to raise. Advised to not enter any into agreement until all the required funds are committed. Committee will ask the community foundation for \$54,000 leaving \$30,000 to be raised. R. Hitchingham asked that the evolution of the

group be explained when they come to the board to see if we're interested in participation. It's gone from a county-wide recreation plan to a trails-only plan.

Manistee Recreation Association – Kenny Kott explained the focus of the 501.3 organization county-wide activities year-round for Manistee youth. Is the board interested signing a contract with MRA which would allow our residents a discount rate for participating in activities? Two residents participated. Scholarships are available to residents as the primary obstacle has been cost. Asked that Springdale Township pay between \$146.00 - \$160.60. This fee depends on the numbers that participate. Board explained that the majority of our township youth attend Benzie Central schools. He will contact those schools to recruit more youth. Reviewed various activities being offered, depending on numbers. Board was in agreement to participate. Not formalized.

Correspondence and communications

Manistee Planning Committee will hold a monthly meeting at our hall on August 23 at 6:00 p.m. MTA Manistee chapter scheduled to meet July 25 at 7:00 p.m. at our hall. A Manistee Day of Service flyer; FEMA about flood plains meeting. M-55 bridge meeting to widen it but it was turned it down at this time. Letter from tower company to upgrade antenna on Vondra Rd. MTA workshops. MTA letter for individual PAC contributions.

Assessor hiring process update. P. Nelson received three inquiries; two are not even Level 1. One is Level 3. Ad placed in assessor magazine through May 5 which includes a web "blast". Roger Elbers also sent an email to his fellow assessor.

Public comments. None.

Old or Unfinished Business

Roads – R. Hitchingham discussed road conditions meeting. Do we want to have a meeting exclusively for this. K. Moore explained Grand Traverse County's process. Stated that primary roads should be the road commission's responsibility. Local roads tend to have sharing with road commission. Could put some of the township's monies into gravel roads. County is looking for requests for township splits by September. Agreed to place this a specific and detailed discussion on next month's agenda since that's open to the public rather than a special meeting. Add to website.

Policy/Procedure for township contractors' insurance – pending

Employee manual – pending

New business

Status of recycling container: stay or go. P. Nelson explained that Copemish will have a recycling container in April. Board agreed to keep it but discussed relocating it, maybe by the pole barn. Need a specific plan on where to place it. Trashy look for those who rent the hall. Tom will not remove anything anymore as it's the job of the monitor

Healy Lake Campground host? P. Nelson said that there is a potential candidate that cannot live there. Discussion about the evolution of the host job as Tom has picked up most of the maintenance.

Brief board comments

P. Nelson: Tire grant was approved. Will occur in the fall with locations (2) to be announced.

Risk assessment scheduled for April 19 at 10 a.m.

New voting equipment will be delivered next month.

Adjournment at 9 p.m.