

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2009

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Sheets at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Sheets, Mead, Burns, Delonnay, Rice.
Absent: None.
Staff: Hanmer, Fernelius.
Guests: 2 guests in attendance.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Delonnay to approve the agenda, as amended, and presented. Supported by Burns. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Burns to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of December 10, 2008, and Special Meeting of January 7, 2009 as presented. Supported by Mead. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer presented a financial report for the month of December from the General and Fire Funds. (Copy of report attached to minutes in the Record Book)

Discussion.

Motion by Delonnay to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of December as presented. Supported by Burns. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

(A) Approval of bills
Discussion.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of December from the General Fund in the amount of \$12,762.64. Vouchers #19473 thru # 19519.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of December from the Fire Fund in the amount of \$2,377.19. Vouchers #6362 thru # 6393.

Clerk presented bills for the month of January.

Clerk presented to the board for their review, an end of the month Trial Balance.

Motion by Burns that bills be allowed as presented by the Clerk. Supported by Delonnay. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Rice, yes. Delonnay, yes. Mead, yes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor reported on several items.

STAFF REPORTS:

(A) Fire Chief: No regular report for the month of December. Chief reported on totals for the year. 75 fire runs; 299 medical runs.

(B) Cemetery Sexton: Report received.

(C) Township Attorney: Supervisor noted the letter he reported on earlier regarding new hourly rates.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

(A) Committee reports were received.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Appointment of Board of Review Members

Supervisor presented names of Sally Miner, Jo Danford, Hazel Heyn, and Marc Rosseels, alternate.

Motion by Delonay to appoint Sally Miner, Jo Danford, Hazel Heyn and Marc Rosseels to the Board of Review. Supported by Burns. Roll Call Vote: Burns,yes. Delonay, yes. Sheets,yes. Mead, yes. Rice, yes. Motion carried.

2. Committee Appointments

Supervisor reported that Committee Appointments will be made at the Special Meeting on Friday, January 16th.

Motion by Delonay that the Township will collect Summer Taxes. Supported by Sheets. Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Delonay, yes. Sheets,yes. Mead, abstain. Burns, yes. Rice, yes. Motion carried.

***Supervisor recessed the meeting at 8:20 p.m. for a review of the Fire Hall.**

***Meeting reconvened after the recess at 8:30 p.m.**

Motion by Delonay for a Site Plan approval, with zoning straightened out, and estimates for costs of an addition to the Fire Hall. Supported by Mead. Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Delonay, yes. Mead, yes. Burns,yes. Sheets, yes. Rice, yes. Motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comment was received.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

The full proceedings of these minutes are on tape in the Clerk's office for thirty days after approval of them.

Submitted by:

Judy Herban
Recording Secretary

Patricia A. Mead
Township Clerk