

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2009

Unapproved Minutes

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

Present: Sheets, Burns, Delonay, Rice.
Absent: Mead.
Staff: Hammer.
Guests: 3 guests in attendance.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Delonay to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Rice. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Delonay to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 14, 2009, and Special Meeting/Budget of January 16, 2009 as presented. Supported by Burns. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

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

CLERK'S REPORT

(A) Approval of bills
Discussion.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of January from the General Fund in the amount of \$3,110.96. Vouchers #19520 thru #19564.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of January from the Fire Fund in the amount of \$ 101,932.16. Vouchers #6394 thru #6410.

Clerk presented bills for the month of February.

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

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor reported on several items.

Motion by Burns to appoint Sally Miner, Jo Danford, Hazel Heyn, and alternate Marc Rosseels, as Board of Review Members for a two (2) year term. Supported by Delonay. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried. ***Supervisor will see that they are sworn in within 10 days.**

Motion by Delonay to approve the suggested Poverty Guidelines resolution for the year 2009. Supported by Burns. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Delonay, yes. Rice, yes. Burns, yes. Mead, absent. Motion carried.

***Supervisor asked for a moment of silence in memory of our former Assessor, Jack Symons, who passed away on Sunday.**

STAFF REPORTS:

- (A) Fire Chief: Reported for the month of January:
3 fire runs; 18 medical runs.
- (B) Cemetery Sexton: Not present.
- (C) Township Attorney: No report.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS: None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

- (A) Committee reports were received.

NEW BUSINESS:

***Supervisor suggested putting in a line item on the agenda for a Commissioner's Report.**

***Supervisor noted that the next scheduled County Summit Meeting will be on February 21st. Delonay, Rice, Burns & Sheets plan to attend. *Clerk will send in a check for it.**

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comment was received from Harold Case on several issues.

Rory Heckman, Sheriff – presented the board with a Snowmobile Report, and thanked the board for their support of the Snowmobile Grant Program. He also noted the School Resource Officer has been reinstated, and with grant money the Dispatch Center Program will be updated. Also reported on the millage renewal to fund jail operations which will be on the May 5th election ballot.

*Supervisor reported on the 2% grants for Special Olympics and Home Health Care were both awarded.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:15 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