

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 12, 2009

Unapproved Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Sheets at 7:31 p.m.

Present: Sheets, Mead, Burns, Delonay, Rice.  
Absent: None.  
Staff: Hanmer.  
Guests: 6 guests in attendance.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Burns to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 14, 2009, and Special Meeting of October 30, 2009 as presented. Supported by Delonay. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer presented a financial report for the month of October 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 October as presented. Supported by Delonay. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

(A) Approval of bills

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of October from the General Fund in the amount of \$29,562.61. Vouchers # 19941 thru # 19997.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of October from the Fire Fund in the amount of \$6,989.81. Vouchers # 6607 thru # 6620.

Clerk presented bills for the month of November.  
Discussion.

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 Burns. Roll Call Vote: Rice, yes. Burns, yes. Sheets, yes. Delonay, yes. Mead, yes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

Reported information from the Benzie County Road Commission regarding Walker & Mills St.

**\*Supervisor turned it over to the Road Committee for them to report on at the December meeting.**

Noted the meeting scheduled for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. for the Platte Lake Septic System group, their grant writer, Chuck Clarke, and Blake Smith, USDA.

Referred to the E Mail from Christy Brow, Assessor – with a letter from the State Treasurer Robert J. Kleine, regarding Revenue Sharing. **\*Supervisor placed in the Finance Committee to reply to it.**

Staff Reports:

(A) Fire Chief:

Reported for the month of October:  
6 fire runs; 20 medical runs.

Chief updated the board on several items.

- (B) Cemetery Sexton: No report. Not present.
- (C) Township Attorney: No report.
- (D) Commissioner Report: Not present.

**\*Clerk presented a report from Christy Brow, Assessor.**

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Marlene Zylstra, Recycling Coordinator updated the board on the recycling program.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Lou Yock, Museum Director – Request to have commemoration on Memorial Day 2010 at the Civil War Section in the cemetery. **\*Board concurred to allow this. Clerk will notify Mr. Yock of the board’s decision.**

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS: None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

- (A) Committee reports were received.

Finance Report: Burns reported.

Regarding the June 10, 2009 Meeting and the motion to amend the Public Improvement-General Fund 245 by \$21,000.00, and amend the General Fund by \$21,000.00. The Clerk and Treasurer found that it was more efficient to amend the General Fund Budget only taking \$21,000.00 from 101-101-965 Transfer out and moving it to 101-224-970 Capital Outlay Roads. This results in the Transfer out Balance being reduced from \$40,000.00 to \$19,000.00, and increasing the Capital Outlay Roads balance from zero to \$21,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (A) **Deliberations of Public Hearing**

Motion by Mead to adopt the resolution to deny the request for the Tax Abatement for the Save-A-Lot – Freeman Brothers, LLC. Supported by Delonnay. Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Mead,yes. Delonnay, yes. Sheets, yes. Rice, yes. Burns, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding the Board of Commissioners Planning & Zoning breakdown of costs.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 9:10 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

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Patricia A. Mead  
Township Clerk