

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING/BUDGET HEARING
MARCH 12, 2009

Unapproved Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Sheets at 7:35 p.m., after the Budget Hearing.

Present: Sheets, Mead, Burns, Delonnay, Rice.
Absent: None.
Staff: Hanmer, Fernelius.
Guests: No guests in attendance.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Delonnay to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2009, as amended, and presented. Supported by Burns. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Burns to approve the Special Meeting minutes of February 6 & 18, 2009 as presented. Supported by Rice. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

CLERK'S REPORT

(A) Approval of bills
Discussion.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of February from the General Fund in the amount of \$14,324.63. Vouchers #19565 thru #19610.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of February from the Fire Fund in the amount of \$6,351.14. Vouchers #6411 thru #6428.

Clerk presented bills for the month of March.

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

STAFF REPORTS:

(A) Fire Chief:

Reported for the month of February:
6 fire runs; 17 medical runs.

Chief presented a request to purchase extra

safety vests. ***To be handled under Fire Dept. Committee Report.**

- (B) Cemetery Sexton: Report received.
Presented suggested changes to the Cemetery Ordinance. Discussion.
***To be acted upon at the April meeting.**
- (C) Township Attorney: No report.
- (D) Commissioner Report: Not present.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. Susan Lutes – Salary and Wage increases.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS: None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

- (A) Committee reports were received.

Discussed having a drop box installed in the Treasurer’s office. ***Supervisor will contact Jim Evans about this.**

Motion by Rice to purchase extra security vests for the Fire Department. Supported by Delonay. Roll Call Vote: Burns, yes. Mead, yes. Sheets, yes. Delonay, yes. Rice, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Delonay to adopt the amended Personnel Policy for Benzonia Township. Supported by Burns. Roll Call Vote: Burns, yes. Mead, yes. Delonay, yes. Rice, yes. Sheets, yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fiscal Year Resolutions

A resolution was offered by Burns that the Township Treasurer be authorized to invest the Township funds in Central State Bank, Honor State Bank and/or State Savings Bank. Supported by Delonay. Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Burns, yes. Mead, yes. Rice, yes. Sheets, yes. Delonay, yes. Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

A resolution was offered by Mead to designate meeting schedules for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year. Supported by Delonay. Roll Call Vote: Delonay, yes. Sheets, yes. Mead, yes. Rice, yes. Burns, yes. Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

Clerk presented copies of the Public Notice to be published regarding the scheduled Township Board Meetings for 2009-2010.

A resolution was offered by Mead that the 2009-2010 year proposed Wage Scale be adopted. Supported by Delonay. Roll Call Vote: Burns, yes. Rice, yes. Delonay, yes. Sheets, yes. Mead, yes. Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

A resolution was offered by Mead that the 2009-2010 year proposed General Fund, Fire Fund, Park Improvement Fund, Fire Capital Improvement Fund, and Roads Capital Improvement Fund budgets be adopted as presented. Supported by Rice. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Rice, yes. Burns, yes. Delonay, yes. Mead, yes. Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:55 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