

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 8, 2009

UNAPPROVED

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

Present: Sheets, Mead, Burns, Delonay, Rice.
Absent: None.
Staff: Hanmer, Fernelius.
Guests: 7 guests in attendance.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor added to the agenda to place prior to the Supervisor's Report: Rory Heckman, Sheriff, and Adam Gandolfi, Ins. Rep MTPP.

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

Motion by Delonay to approve the minutes for the March 12, 2009 Budget Hearing/Regular Meeting. Supported by Rice. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Motion by Mead to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of March 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 March from the General Fund in the amount of \$51,505.87. Vouchers #19614 thru #19647.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of March from the Fire Fund in the amount of \$104,583.04. Vouchers #6429 thru #6464.

Clerk presented bills for the month of April.

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

(B) **Sheriff Rory Heckman**

Sheriff Heckman gave an update on the pending jail millage.

(C) **Adam Gandolfi – MTPP Insurance Representative**

Gave an update and overview of the township's liability insurance.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

STAFF REPORTS:

- (A) Fire Chief: Reported for the month of March:
8 fire runs; 26 medical runs.
Chief updated the board on several items.
- (B) Cemetery Sexton: Report received.
- (C) Township Attorney: No report.
- (D) Commissioner Report: Reported on Broadband Communications

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications were read by the Clerk and are on file.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS: None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

- (A) Committee reports were received.

Motion by Delonay to change the burial fees to the proposed letter of March 4th by Eric, and the language changes as well. Supported by Mead. Roll Call Vote: Burns, yes. Mead, yes. Delonay, yes. Rice, yes. Sheets, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Delonay to accept Bob Kerby's bid of \$8,000.00 for installing 30 feet of steel retaining wall. Supported by Rice. Roll Call Vote: Rice, yes. Burns, yes. Mead, yes. Delonay, yes. Sheets, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Burns to have a Drop Box installed in the Township Hall, not to exceed \$600.00. Supported by Delonay. Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Mead, no. Delonay, yes. Rice, yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 9:25 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Mead
Township Clerk