

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 12, 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: 1 guest in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor at this time opened the Public Hearing on Truth In Taxation.

Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing to adopt the proposed additional millage, an increase of .0624 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2009, and noted the publication of the Public Hearing on July 29, and August 5, 2009 as proposed by law. Signed: Patricia A.Mead, Clerk.

Motion by Burns to approve the agenda for the Public Hearing as presented. Supported by Delonnay.
Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

No communications received.

No public comment.

Motion by Mead to adjourn the Public Hearing. Supported by Burns. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Supervisor called to order the Regular Session of the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Present: Sheets, Mead, Burns, Delonnay, Rice.
Absent: None.
Staff: Hanmer, Fernelius.
Guests: 3 guests in attendance.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Rice to approve the minutes for the July 8, 2009 Regular Meeting & Special Meeting of July 6, 2009 as presented. Supported by Delonnay. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

CLERK'S REPORT

(A) Approval of bills

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of July from the General Fund in the amount of \$30,247.60. Vouchers # 19778 thru #19828.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of July from the Fire Fund in the amount of \$27,223.54. Vouchers #6545 thru # 6559.

Clerk presented bills for the month of August.

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: Rice, yes. Burns, yes. Sheets, yes. Delonnay, yes. Mead, yes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

Letter received from Susie Morrow - Custodial person. ***Supervisor referred to the Personnel Committee to prepare a job description , and to ready for advertising in the paper for custodial help.**

***Supervisor noted the need to have a Special Meeting to act on custodial help, and the agreement prepared for a nuisance officer.**

STAFF REPORTS:

- (A) Fire Chief: Reported for the month of July:
7 fire runs; 23 medical runs.

Chief updated the board on several items.
- (B) Cemetery Sexton: Report received.
- (C) Township Attorney: No report.
- (D) Commissioner Report: Reported on several County issues.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comment was received regarding the addressing system.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

- (A) Committee reports were received.

NEW BUSINESS:

Truth In Taxation:

Motion by Mead that the board passes the proposed additional millage increase of .0624 mills in the operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes .9373% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by 1.0219% over the preceding year’s operating revenue. Supported by Sheets. Roll Call Vote: Delonnay, yes. Sheets, yes. Mead, yes. Rice, yes. Burns, yes. Motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comment was received regarding a proposed sewer project.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:35 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

