

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2009

Unapproved Minutes

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

Present: Sheets, Mead, Burns, Delonay, Rice.
Absent: None.
Staff: Hanmer.
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 Burns to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2009 as presented.
Supported by Delonay. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer presented a financial report for the month of September 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 September 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 September from the General Fund in the amount of \$13,461.37. Vouchers # 19875 thru # 29924.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of September from the Fire Fund in the amount of \$18,634.52. Vouchers # 6574 thru # 6604.

Clerk presented bills for the month of October.
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 Rice. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Rice, yes. Burns, yes. Delonay, yes. Mead, yes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

Letter/Village of Beulah – Re-assessment. Discussion. ***To be held in abeyance.**

Motion by Rice to table the Freeman Family Enterprise application for Tax Abatement. Supported by Mead. Discussion. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Burns to authorize the Supervisor to sign the addendum to the contract with Michigan Assessing Service for the re-appraisal of the township. Supported by Delonay. Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Mead, yes. Delonay, yes. Rice, yes. Motion carried.

Letter of request from citizens for road repair on Walker St. off Case Rd. ***Supervisor placed request in Committee for Roads.**

Motion by Burns to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the letter of intent for not more than \$700 with the County Equalization Dept. Supported by Delonay. Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Delonay, yes. Rice, yes. Mead, yes. Burns, yes. Sheets, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mead to cancel the USDA loan application that we had applied to for the proposed new Fire Hall. Supported by Burns. Roll Call Vote: Burns, yes. Mead, yes. Sheets, yes. Rice, yes. Deonay, yes. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

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| (A) | <u>Fire Chief:</u> | Reported for the month of September:
No report of fire runs; 23 medical runs.

Chief reported on several items. |
| (B) | <u>Cemetery Sexton:</u> | Clerk reported in absence of the Sexton. |
| (C) | <u>Township Attorney:</u> | No report. |
| (D) | <u>Commissioner Report:</u> | Report received. |

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

- (A) Committee reports were received.

***Personnel Committee recommendation to hire Bert Hewitt for a 6 month trial period for Custodial Services.**

Motion by Delonay to hire Bert Hewitt, Crystal Maintenance Service, to be the Custodial person for the township, with a 6 month trial period, and a basic cost of \$130.00 a month. Supported by Burns. Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Rice, yes. Mead, yes. Delonay, yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Township Re-appraisal
***Acted upon under the Supervisor's Report.**
2. Letter of Support for the Benzie County Recreation and Cultural Plan 2009-2014. ***Dave Neiger commented regarding this.**

Motion by Delonay that the Supervisor be authorized to complete the letter of support to the Benzie County Parks and Recreation Plan. Supported by Burns. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comment was received regarding driveway restrictions for emergency access.

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

Patricia A. Mead
Township Clerk