

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 14, 2010

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: 6 guests in attendance.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Supervisor requested adding a space on the agenda from now until November for candidates running for office –limited to 3 minutes each.**

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

Motion by Delonnay to approve the minutes for the Budget Hearing/Regular Meeting of March 9, 2010, and Special Meeting of March 15, 2010 as presented. 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)

Discussion.

Motion by Mead to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of March as presented. Supported by Burns. 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 \$18,473.57. Vouchers #120159 thru #120204.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of March from the Fire Fund in the amount of \$55,389.43. Vouchers #6711 thru #6747.

Clerk presented bills for the month of April.

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

Candidate For State Office:

Nicolette McClure – Candidate for US Congress, 2nd District – Presented her personal and political background.

STAFF REPORTS:

(A) Fire Chief:

Reported for the month of March:
5 fire runs; 15 medical runs.

Chief updated the board on several items.

(B) Cemetery Sexton:

Report received.

(C) Township Attorney:

No report.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comment was received regarding contribution to the library.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Darcy Library of Beulah – Thank you for 2009 contribution.
2. Benzonia Public Library – Thank you for contribution.
3. Benzie Area Historical Society – Thank you for 2010 contribution.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

- (A) Committee reports were received.

***Supervisor presented an Addendum to Sec. VI: C. Foundations of the Cemetery Ordinance.**

Motion by Delonay to accept the recommendation of the Cemetery Committee to amend the ordinance as described. Supported by Mead. Roll Call Vote: Mead, yes. Delonay, yes. Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Rice, yes. Motion carried.

***Delonay presented recommendation from the Township Roads Committee to do the Bacon Mill Rd. cost of 47,500, and Crystal Ave. cost of \$35,311.84 road projects.**

Motion by Delonay to have the Benzie County Road Commission fix these 2 roads this year - Crystal Ave. at a cost of \$35,311.84, and Bacon Mill Rd. at a cost of \$7,500. Supported by Rice. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Mead, yes. Burns, yes. Delonay, yes. Rice, yes. Motion carried.

New Business:

***Clerk presented the estimated costs for brining this year at a cost of \$3,563.00 per application, with the townships estimated costs being \$1,781.50 – using a 26.42% mineral well brine.**

Motion by Mead that the Clerk notify the Benzie County Road Commission, and sign the application for this years brining. Supported by Burns. Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Rice, yes. Burns, yes. Mead, yes. Delonay, yes. Sheets, yes. Motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comment was received about a brining issue on Bacon Mill Rd.

***Motion by Rice to adjourn and enter into Executive Session. Supported by Mead. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.**

***Motion by Mead to reconvene the Regular Session of the Meeting at 9:01 p.m. Supported by Burns. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.**

***Returned to the Regular Session of the meeting, after the Executive Session, at 9:01 p.m.**

Motion by Delonay to hire Dave Neiger as our Zoning Administrator, and our Blight Ordinance Enforcer. Supported by Mead. Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Mead, yes. Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Rice, yes. Delonay, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding wages for Mr. Neiger.

Motion by Burns to pay the Zoning Administrator \$18,000 per year for zoning, and in addition to that, \$1,600 per year for being the Blight Ordinance Enforcer. Supported by Rice. Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Burns, yes. Rice, yes. Sheets, yes. Delonnay, yes. Mead, yes. Motion carried.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 9:14 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