

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2010

Unapproved Minutes

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

Present: Sheets, Mead, Burns, Delonnay, Rice.
Absent: None.
Staff: Fernelius.
Guests: 26 guests in attendance.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Burns to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of November 10, 2010 as presented. Supported by Rice. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer presented a financial report for the month of November 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 November 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 November from the General Fund in the amount of \$24,372.28. Vouchers # 120566 thru #120628.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of November from the Fire Fund in the amount of \$ 4,066.66. Vouchers #6908 thru # 6922.

Clerk presented bills for the month of December.

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

Bixler-Carter-Platte Wastewater Treatment Association

Various comments were made and several questions raised, with some answers given, and no response concerning some questions.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

Library Millage Request

Roxane Miner representing both libraries, presented a request to allow on the May ballot, their request for a millage of .6 mills. Discussion.

Motion by Delonnay to allow the libraries – Beulah & Benzonia – to put on the May ballot that request for millage at .6 mills. Supported by Burns. Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Delonnay, yes. Sheets, yes. Mead, yes. Burns, yes. Rice, yes. Motion carried.

Supervisor reported about the Poverty Exemption Guidelines and changes of language to it. This will be addressed at a Special Meeting. ***Later in the meeting was set for Wed. December 22nd at 11:00 a.m.**

Academy Park Ice Rink

Dennis Pace as Chief Organizer for the Ice Rink Fund Raiser, appealed to the board for their continued support. Discussion. ***Supervisor tabled any action on this pending a Special Meeting.**

***Supervisor scheduled a Special Township Board Meeting for Wednesday, December 22nd at 11:00 a.m.**

Discussed holiday closing of the offices. ***Board concurred to close the offices on Friday, Christmas Eve Day, and Friday, New Year's Eve Day.**

STAFF REPORTS:

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| (A) | <u>Fire Chief:</u> | Chief not present. |
| (B) | <u>Cemetery Sexton:</u> | Report received. |
| (C) | <u>Township Attorney:</u> | No report. |
| (D) | <u>Commissioner Report:</u> | Commissioner Damm updated the board on several County issues. |
| (E) | <u>Zoning Administrator:</u> | Not present. No report. |

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comments were received regarding the Wastewater Treatment System.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

- (A) Committee reports were received.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Poverty Exemption Guidelines**
*Handled under the Supervisor's Report.
- 2. Academy Park Ice Rink**
*Handled under the Supervisor's Report

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comment was made complimenting the Township Board on their conduct of the Meeting.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 9:05 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

