

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING/BUDGET HEARING  
MARCH 9, 2010

Unapproved Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Sheets at 7:39 p.m., after the Budget Hearing.

Present: Sheets, Mead, Burns, Delonnay, Rice.  
Absent: None.  
Staff: Hanmer. \*Fernelius arrived at 7:45 p.m.  
Guests: 1 guest in attendance.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Delonnay 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 February 10, 2010, and Special Meeting of February 17, 2010 as presented. Supported by Rice. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Treasurer reported regarding both Summer and Winter tax collections.  
Discussion.

Motion by Delonnay to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of February as presented. Supported by Mead. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

(A) Approval of bills  
Discussion.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of February from the General Fund in the amount of \$18,113.63. Vouchers #120117 thru # 120156.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of February from the Fire Fund in the amount of \$234,346.40. Vouchers #6689 thru # 6711.

Clerk presented bills for the month of March.

Clerk presented to the board for their review, an end of the month Trial Balance.

Motion by Delonnay that bills be allowed as presented by the Clerk. Supported by Burns. 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.

Reported on a request for a Township Board Representative for the Library Services. **\*Rice asked to be the volunteer.**

Reported on communication from 101<sup>st</sup> Rep. Dan Scripps regarding the Benzoniam Township septic issue. Discussion followed. **\*To be discussed at the Special Board Meeting scheduled on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m., along with the decision of the Benzie County Zoning Commission meeting of March 15<sup>th</sup>.**

STAFF REPORTS:

(A) Fire Chief:

Reported for the month of February:  
8 fire runs; 22 medical runs.

Chief updated the board on several items.

- (B) Cemetery Sexton: Report received.
- (C) Township Attorney: No report.
- (D) Commissioner Report: Not present.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. Michigan Liquor Control Commission – Liquor Permit – Crystal Images, Inc. Discussion.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

Motion by Mead to table the request for the Liquor License Permit for Crystal Images, Inc., until the next meeting. Supported by Rice. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Mead, yes. Burns, yes. Delonnay, yes. Rice, yes. Motion carried.

PENDING BUSINESS:

- (A) Committee reports were received.

NEW BUSINESS:

**1. Fiscal Year Resolutions**

A resolution was offered by Mead to designate meeting schedules for the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year. Supported by Delonnay. Roll Call Vote: Burns, yes. Rice, yes. Delonnay, yes. Sheets, yes. Mead, yes. Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

A resolution was offered by Burns that the Township Treasurer be authorized to invest the Township funds in Central State Bank, Honor State Bank, and/or State Savings Bank. Supported by Rice. Roll Call Vote: Delonnay, yes. Sheets, yes. Mead, yes. Rice, yes. Burns, yes. Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

A resolution was offered by Mead that the 2010-2011 year proposed Wage Scale be adopted. Supported by Burns. Roll Call Vote: Rice, yes. Sheets, yes. Delonnay, yes. Mead, yes. Burns, yes. Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

A resolution was offered by Mead that the 2010-2011 year proposed General Fund, Fire Fund, Park Improvement Fund, Fire Capital Improvement Fund, and Roads Capital Improvement Fund budgets be adopted as presented. Supported by Burns. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Delonnay, yes. Burns, yes. Rice, yes. Mead, yes. Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comment received regarding the revised Zoning Ordinance and possible changes made to it.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:40 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

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Patricia A. Mead  
Township Clerk

