

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 12, 2010

Unapproved Minutes

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

Present: Sheets, Burns, Delonay, Rice.
Absent: Mead.
Staff: Hanmer, Fernelius, Neiger.
Guests: 8 guests in attendance.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Rice to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2010, and Special Meeting of May 5, 2010 as presented. Supported by Burns. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Discussion.

Motion by Burns to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of April as presented. Supported by Delonay. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

(A) Approval of bills
Discussion.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of April from the General Fund in the amount of \$28,183.51. Vouchers #120205 thru #120242.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of April from the Fire Fund in the amount of \$28,219.71. Vouchers #6748 thru #6764.

Clerk presented bills for the month of May.

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 Burns. Roll Call Vote: Rice, yes. Burns, yes. Sheets, yes. Delonay, yes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

*Reported no additional bids were received for a generator. ***Supervisor recommends purchasing a generator from Dave Packer, Glen Lake Electric.**

Motion by Delonay that we purchase a generator from Dave Packer, Glen Lake Electric for around \$18,000.00. Supported by Burns. Roll Call Vote: Burns, yes. Sheets, yes. Delonay, yes. Rice, yes. Motion carried.

***Kirk Barz – Bennett Barz Funeral Home**

Mr. Barz not present.

Discussed a time limit for Mr. Barz to complete setting the foundations already ordered. ***Board agreed to set a 30 day time limit, and to request that he turn in paper work as required. *Supervisor will send Mr. Barz a letter regarding this.**

***Bacon – Mill & Walker St. Residents**

Received comments from residents – considering different options. ***The Road Committee will obtain a new estimate for doing the Bacon-Mill & Walker St. project.**

STAFF REPORTS:

- (A) Fire Chief: Reported for the month of April: 3 fire runs; 21 medical runs.
Chief updated the board on several items.
- (B) Cemetery Sexton: Report received.
Discussed the situation of the illegal burial of ashes without the Township’s knowledge of it, or paper work turned in.
***Board concurred that a bill should be sent to them, and also a copy of the Ordinance.**
- (C) Township Attorney: No report. Supervisor noted the memo from Mr. Figura regarding the Township Zoning Ordinance.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

- (A) Committee reports were received.

Finance:

Discussion followed regarding the Zoning and Planning Fees Schedule.

Motion by Delonnay to adopt the Zoning and Planning Fees as presented, along with revision of the Land Division One Split being changed from \$40.00 to \$70.00. Supported by Burns. Roll Call Vote: Burns, yes. Rice, yes. Delonnay, yes. Sheets, yes. Motion carried.

***Burns reported regarding the budget activity for the Zoning Administrator – to amend the budget to cover legal fees for zoning.**

Personnel:

Burns reported that the Committee will meet to discuss what procedure to follow for doing background checks before approval of a new fireman.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Special Assessment District (SAD)

No one present. No action.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:52 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