

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2010

**Unapproved Minutes**

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

Present: Sheets, Mead, Burns, Delonay, Rice.  
Absent: None.  
Staff: Hanmer, Fernelius.  
Guests: 3 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 Burns to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 11, 2010 as presented. Supported by Rice. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer presented a financial report for the month of August 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 August 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 August from the General Fund in the amount of \$38,011.57. Vouchers # 120410 thru # 120472.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of August from the Fire Fund in the amount of \$6,024.36. Vouchers # 6844 thru #6858.

Clerk presented bills for the month of September.

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

Motion by Rice that bills be allowed as presented by the Clerk. Supported by Burns. Roll Call Vote: Delonay, yes. Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Rice, yes. Mead, yes. Motion carried.

**\*Blarney Castle – Ray Schmekel:**

Mr. Schmekel presented facts and costs regarding their company Fuel Fleet Program.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

Reported on a F.O.I.A. request from W. Peter Doran regarding the Platte Wastewater System.

Reported on filling positions on the ZBA Board. Dick Hendricks has offered to serve again, and Pat Delonay will also serve - leaving 1 position open to fill.

STAFF REPORTS:

- (A) Fire Chief: Reported for the month of August: 8 fire runs; 34 medical runs.  
Chief updated the board on several other items.
- (B) Cemetery Sexton: Report received.
- (C) Township Attorney: Received a Draft Ordinance Approving an Agreement to Establish a Joint Planning Commission.
- (D) Commissioner Report: Not present. No report.
- (E) Zoning Administrator Report: Not present. No report.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Rita Evans, Risk Control MTPP – regarding her inspection of township buildings.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

- (A) Committee reports were received.

Discussed the need to power wash the township building. **\*Burns will contact Bert Hewitt to see if he could do that type of work.**

Burns reported about doing background checks. Discussion. **\*Supervisor scheduled a Special Meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. to review this.**

Rice presented a quote from Ron Brown & Sons for paving the driveway entrances at Memorial Park. Discussion.

Motion by Delonay to do the paving of entrances at Memorial Park, using funds from Capital Outlay Maintenance Equipment under Township Park. Supported by Burns. Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Sheets,yes. Mead, no. Burns, yes. Delonay, yes. Rice, yes. Motion carried.

Rice presented an estimate from the road Commission for paving of Eastman Rd. – 2.10 miles at a cost of \$429,716.76. Discussion. **\*Supervisor will contact Don Howard regarding a possible Special Assessment District.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- (A) Joint Planning Commission.  
Discussed earlier in the meeting.

Fire Chief Request:

Motion by Delonay to go ahead with the Cascade System for the Fire Department to fill the Air Packs at a cost of \$4,850.00. Supported by Sheets. Roll Call Vote: Sheets,yes. Mead, yes. Burns, yes. Delonay, yes. Rice, yes. Motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comment was received regarding forms to use for Memorial Park usage.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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