

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING/BUDGET HEARING
MARCH 9, 2011

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

Present: Sheets, Mead, Burns, Delonay, Rice.
Absent: None.
Staff: Hanmer, Fernelius, Neiger.
Guests: 4 guests in attendance & A. Damm, Comm.

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 February 9, 2011 & Special Meeting/Budget Work Session of February 9, 2011 as presented. Supported by Delonay. 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)

Discussion.

Motion by Delonay to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of February 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 February from the General Fund in the amount of \$12,584.98. Voucher #120708 thru #120749.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of February from the Fire Fund in the amount of \$1,982.55. Vouchers # 6978 thru # 6992.

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

Metro Act – Merit Network:

Motion by Mead that the Benzonia Township Board allows the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Metro Act Permit for Merit Network. Supported by Rice. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Mead, yes. Delonay, yes. Burns, yes. Rice, yes. Motion carried.

Resolution To Transfer Liquor License To Crystal Image Tech, LLC (Best Western)

Motion by Delonay to adopt a resolution to transfer the Liquor License from its previous owner to Crystal Image Tech, LLC. (Best Western). Supported by Burns. Roll Call Vote: Burns, yes. Delonay, yes. Sheets, yes. Mead, yes. Rice, yes. Motion carried.

Sue Miller – Director Benzie Bus:

Presented an overview of the Benzie Bus Program from Startup to their Renewal request on the May 3rd ballot.

STAFF REPORTS:

(A)	<u>Fire Chief:</u>	Reported for the month of February: 5 fire runs; 12 medical runs. Chief updated the board on several items.
(B)	<u>Cemetery Sexton:</u>	Report received.
(C)	<u>Township Attorney:</u>	No report.

(D) Commissioner Report: No report. Commissioner Damm did not attend the last County meeting.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS: None.

PENDING BUSINESS:
(A) Committee reports were received.

NEW BUSINESS:

FISCAL YEAR BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

A resolution was offered by Mead that the 2011-2012 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 Rice. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Delonnay, yes. Rice, yes. Burns, 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 Bank, and /or State Savings Bank. Supported by Mead. 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 2011-2012 year proposed Wage Scale be adopted. 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 Mead to designate meeting schedules for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year. Supported by Burns. Roll Call Vote: Rice, yes. Mead, yes. Delonnay, yes. Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

The full proceedings of these minutes are on tape in the Clerk's office for thirty days after approval of them.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Mead
Township Clerk