

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2011

Unapproved Minutes

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

Present: Sheets, Mead, Burns, Delonnay, Rice.
Absent: None.
Staff: Hanmer, Fernelius.
Guests: 22 guests in attendance, & A. Damm, Co. Comm.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mead to add David Johnson to the agenda for five minutes underneath the Clerk's report.
Supported by Burns. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Burns to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of December 8, 2010, and Special Meeting of December 22, 2010 as presented. Supported by Rice. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer presented a financial report for the month of December 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 December as presented. Supported by Delonnay. Voice Vote; All ayes. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

(A) Approval of bills

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of December from the General Fund in the amount of \$13,738.92.
Vouchers #120629 thru #120666.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of December from the Fire Fund in the amount of \$10,162.11.
Vouchers #6923 thru #6960.

Clerk presented bills for the month of January.

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

Clerk presented costs for the November election. Discussion of splitting these costs between the Township, 2 Villages, and the School. ***To be addressed under the Finance Committee Report.**

Dave Johnson - Wastewater Treatment Project:

Dave presented information about the Wastewater Treatment Project.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

***Supervisor requested reappointment of the current Board of Review members: Sally Miner, Hazel Heyn, Marc Rosseels, and Doug Joy Jr., alternate.**

Motion by Mead that the current members be reappointed for the next 2 years. Supported by Delonnay. Roll Call Vote: Delonnay, yes. Mead, yes. Rice, yes. Burns, yes. Sheets, yes. Motion carried.

***Supervisor scheduled the first Budget Meeting for Thursday, January 20th at 10:00 a.m.**

STAFF REPORTS:

(A) Fire Chief: Reported for the month of December:
10 fire runs; 15 medical runs.

Year End Totals for 2010:
95 fire runs; 258 medical runs.

(B) Cemetery Sexton: Report received.

(C) Township Attorney: No report.

(D) Commissioner Report: Report received on County issues.

(E) Zoning Administrator: No report.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS: None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

(A) Committee reports were received.

Finance:

Motion by Mead to divide the costs of the November 2010 Election for \$3,355.73 – 4 ways between the Township, the two villages, and the school. Supported by Rice. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Mead, yes. Burns, yes. Delonay, yes. Rice, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mead that the Board gives the Clerk authority to divide the costs of any election that they are involved by the number of entities. Supported by Delonay. Roll Call Vote: Mead, yes. Delonay, yes. Burns, yes. Rice, yes. Sheets, yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Poverty Exemption Guidelines (Resolution)

Motion by Delonay to adopt the Benzonia Township Poverty Exemption Guidelines as presented by the Supervisor. Supported by Mead. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Rice, yes. Burns, yes. Mead, yes. Delonay, yes. Motion carried.

2. Library Millage:

Discussion followed regarding wordage of the ballot proposal. ***To be held in abeyance until the Township Attorney reviews it, and until the scheduled Special Meeting on January 20th. *Supervisor will afterward contact Mr. Hook regarding the results.**

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 9:19 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

