

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 13, 2011

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

Present: Sheets, Burns, Delonnay, Rice.
Absent: Mead.
Staff: Hanmer, Fernelius, Neiger.
Guests: 4 guests in attendance.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Supervisor added to the agenda, Case #ZOA 2011-01 after the Supervisor's Report.**

Motion by Burns to approve the agenda as presented, and amended. Supported by Delonnay. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Burns to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 8, 2011, and Special Meeting of July 11, 2011. Supported by Rice. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

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

CLERK'S REPORT

(A) Approval of bills
Discussion.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of June from the General Fund in the amount of \$22,153.42. Vouchers # 20883 thru # 20921.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of June from the Fire Fund in the amount of \$17,662.19. Vouchers # 7063 thru # 7093.

Clerk presented bills for the month July.

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

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

Supervisor presented a Service Agreement for the generator at a yearly cost of \$196.00.

Motion by Delonnay to make an agreement with Glen Lake Electric for a Service Agreement for the generator at \$196.00 per year. Supported by Rice. Roll Call Vote: Burns, yes. Delonnay, yes. Rice, yes. Sheets, yes. Motion carried.

***Dave Neiger, Zoning Administrator presented the Decision and Order of the W. Benzie Joint Planning Commission for the request to rezone the Christian Science Church by Dr. Nathan Pound.**

Motion by Rice to approve the Petition for Rezoning from Dr. Nathan Pound, authorized by the Christian Science Church to amend the Zoning Map rezoning parcel 10-02-024-024-00 from R-2 to RP 2.5. This decision is based on the Staff Finding of Facts, citizen input from the Public Hearing, a discussion with the MDOT Staff, and recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve Case ZOA 2011-01 by the W. Benzie Joint Planning Commission. Supported by Delonnay. Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Rice, yes. Burns, yes. Sheets, yes. Delonnay, yes. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

(A) Fire Chief: Reported for the month of June:
7 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. No report.

(E) Zoning Administrator: Report received.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS: None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

(A) Committee reports were received.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

***Supervisor re-opened the meeting at 8:22 p.m. under New Business to address the MTA –Dues Statement tabled from the June meeting.**

Motion by Sheets to pay the MTA Dues for this year, with a letter of protest. Supported by Burns.
Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Delonnay, yes. Rice, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Burns to adjourn. Supported by Rice.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:25 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