

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

Unapproved Minutes

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

Present: Sheets, Burns, Delonnay, Rice.
Absent: Mead.
Staff: Hanmer, Fernelius, Neiger.
Guests: 9 guests in attendance.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Supervisor added Ed Hoogterp – Boat Washing Station – to the agenda following Tad Peacock.**

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

Motion by Burns to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting/Closed Session of August 10, 2011 as presented. Supported by Delonnay. 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)

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

CLERK'S REPORT

(A) Approval of bills
Discussion.

Deputy Clerk presented vouchers for the month of August from the General Fund in the amount of \$35,819.43. Vouchers #20968 thru #21020.

Deputy Clerk presented vouchers for the month of August from the Fire Fund in the amount of \$10,327.40. Vouchers #7109 thru #7124.

Deputy Clerk presented bills for the month of September.

***Supervisor stated that Platte Twp. has paid their share of costs for the W. Benzie Joint Planning toward Mr. Figura's law firm. Supervisor also sent a letter to Mr. McIntosh requesting ½ payment of the bill for the Bixler-Carter-Platte Wastewater Treatment Project for Mr. Figura's law firm. Supervisor indicated the past due bills must be approved for payment.**

Deputy 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 Deputy Clerk. Supported by Burns. Roll Call Vote: Burns, yes. Sheets, yes. Delonnay, yes. Rice, yes. Motion carried.

***Suzanne Peele – Mollineaux Rd:**

Addressed the Board regarding a petition and resolution to the Crystal Lake Township Board about unsafe conditions and speed limit near the access to the Trailhead area, with hopes of lowering the speed limit.

***Tad Peacock – Benzie County Soil Conservation District:**

Addressed the Board with a slide presentation of the Ash Bore problem in Benzie County, with cost options and estimates for treating it.

***Ed Hoogterp – Boat Washing Station:**

Addressed the Board regarding the proposed Boat Washing Station at the new boat launch site off of Mollineux Rd., requesting the Township Board sets a Public Hearing date to inform the public.

Discussion followed.

***Supervisor set a Public Hearing for Tuesday, September 27th at 7:00 p.m.**

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

*Supervisor presented a letter from Charter Communications regarding new fees for late payments. Discussion.

***Supervisor requests the Clerk be allowed to add the Charter Communication bills to the list of utilities for automatic paymet.**

Supervisor presented the letter from the Department of Treasury regarding the Audit Report, and his certified response letter about the Township’s Corrective Action Plan.

STAFF REPORTS:

- (A) Fire Chief: Reported for the month of August: 9 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: Report received.
- (E) Zoning Administrator: Report received.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

- (A) Committee reports were received.

Finance:

Discussed costs for replacing the computer server. Township Board to meet with John Dickason the end of September or early October.

Rice reported on the QVF Election meeting attended last week at the Government Center, urging the township to sign the contract with the State for the lap top computer used for elections when it becomes available again in October.

Personnel:

Burns reported about the name change on the Cemetery contract for Lindsay Witucki by adding his wife Cheryl’s name to it. Discussion.

***Supervisor will check with the Attorney regarding this.**

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bruce Wildie – Sewer Project. Request to have the Township approve keeping their

application active with the State.
Discussion followed.

***Supervisor set a Special Meeting for Friday, September 23rd at 11:00 a.m. to take action on Mr. Wildie's request.**

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 9:40 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