

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 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, Neiger.

Guests: 18 guests in attendance, A. Damm, Comm., John DeVol & W. Peter Doren, atty.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Supervisor added to the agenda before the Supervisor's Report, the disposition of the Waste Water Project.**

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

Motion by Burns to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 12, 2011, and Special Meeting/Public Hearing of November 4, 2011 as presented. Supported by Delonnay. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Motion by Mead to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of October as presented. Supported by Rice. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

- (A) Approval of bills
Discussion.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of October from the General Fund in the amount of \$19,906.06. Vouchers #21065 thru #21115.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of October from the Fire Fund in the amount of \$2,969.02. Vouchers #7154 thru #7170.

Clerk presented bills for the month of November.

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

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

Special Assessment District (SAD) – Waste Water Plan:

The matter of the Waste Water Plan tabled from the November 4th Special Meeting/Public Hearing was opened for public response both pro & con. The Township had received additional letters, and the following were asked to be read into the record:

Susan Louie
Brian Dolph
Ron Goosling & Susan Howard (wife)
Nancy Dolph
Avace and Bruce Wildie

Supervisor received two Emails Re: Freedom of Information Act Requests:

W. Peter Doren, atty.
Michael S. Dantuma, atty.

Discussion followed by board members.

Motion by Delonnay to discontinue this project as far as the township is concerned. Supported by Mead.
Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Delonnay, yes. Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Rice, yes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

***Supervisor will send a letter of thanks to Doug Joy Jr. for his years of service to the Board of Review, with signatures of the board.**

Supervisor will send letters to Gary Lathwell, Debbie Lindgren, and Larry Lathwell of their years of service to Joyfield Township, with signatures of the board.

STAFF REPORTS:

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| (A) <u>Fire Chief:</u> | Reported for the month of October:
8 fire runs; 22 medical runs.

Chief updated the board on several items. |
| (B) <u>Cemetery Sexton:</u> | Report received. |
| (C) <u>Township Attorney:</u> | No report. |
| (D) <u>Commissioner Report:</u> | Report received. |
| (E) <u>Zoning Administrator:</u> | Report received. |

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

- (A) Committee reports received.

Park:

Burns reported regarding the Drag for the ball diamonds to be purchased from Gillison's.

Discussion.

Motion by Rice to purchase the drag for Memorial Park for approximately \$2500, not to exceed \$3,000. Supported by Delonnay. Roll Call Vote: Mead, yes. Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Rice, yes. Delonnay, yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 9:10 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