

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 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 arrived at 8:20 p.m.
Guests: 6 guests in attendance.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Supervisor added Kay Bond to the agenda after the Clerk's Report.**

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

Motion by Burns to approve the minutes for the Special Meeting/Public Hearing of November 4, 2011, and Regular Meeting of November 9, 2011 as presented. Supported by Rice. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Discussion.

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

Treasurer also reported on the West Benzie Joint Planning Commission.

CLERK'S REPORT

- (A) Approval of bills
- Discussion.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of November from the General Fund in the amount of \$18,820.84. Vouchers #21116 thru #211162.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of November from the Fire Fund in the amount of \$1,225.95. Vouchers # 7171 thru # 7180.

Clerk presented bills for the month of December.

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

Kay Bond – Executive Director of BACN:

Presented an overview of BACN's services, with a request that Benzonia Township sponsors their application to the Grand Traverse Band seeking a \$7,500 grant toward their Food Pantry needs.

Motion by Delonnay that Benzonia Township supports the application for BACN to the tribe for a grant of \$7,500. Supported by Burns. Discussion. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

Presented the Benzie County Recycling Program Interlocal Agreement.

Motion by Delonay to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Waste Agreement. Supported by Burns. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor read the heartfelt letters of gratitude from Doug Joy and family for the kindnesses shown to him during his confinement after surgery, especially for the entire Fire Department group for decorating the spruce tree by their house.

Presented a bid from Honor Building Supply for replacement of windows in the Supervisor & Assessor offices at a cost of \$2,937.24, plus labor for Jason Barnard at \$35 an hour for approximately 4-5 hours work.

Presented a request from Sonny Rodriguez – Special Olympics, for a 2% grant request of \$6,000 from the Grand Traverse Band.

Motion by Delonay that we act as the fiduciary for Sonny Rodriguez for the Special Olympics. Supported by Rice. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Presented a request from Sam Miller, Paramedic Benzie EMS requesting a street light at the corner of Marshall Rd. & Homestead Rd. Discussion. No action.

Motion by Rice to accept the bid to replace the windows in the Supervisor & Assessor offices. Supported by Delonay. Roll Call Vote: Delonay, yes. Sheets, yes. Rice, yes. Burns, yes. Mead, yes. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

- (A) Fire Chief: Reported for the month of November: 5 fire runs; 14 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: Neiger presented a report.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: Comment received regarding the street light request.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. Conservation Resource Alliance – requesting support of their projects.
- 2. Charter – Addition to the their channel line-up.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS: None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

- (A) Committee reports were received.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Comment was received.

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