

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2012

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

Present: Sheets, Mead, Delonay, Rice.  
Absent: Burns.  
Staff: Hanmer, Fernelius.  
Guests: 14 guests in attendance, A. Damm, Comm., T. Schendel, Candidate for Sheriff, & J. Daugherty, Candidate for Probate Judge.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Delonay to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Mead. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Rice to approve the minutes for the Budget Hearing/Regular Meeting of March 13, 2012 as presented. Supported by Delonay. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Not present. No report.

CLERK'S REPORT:

(A) Approval of bills  
Discussion.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of March from the General Fund in the amount of \$17,815.22. Vouchers #21308 thru #21348.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of March from the Fire Fund in the amount of \$3,277.50. Vouchers #7247 thru #7274.

Clerk presented bills for the month of April.

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

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

STAFF REPORTS:

(A) <u>Fire Chief:</u>	Reported for the month of March: 14 fire runs; 19 medical runs.  Chief updated the board on several items.
(B) <u>Cemetery Sexton:</u>	Report received.
(C) <u>Township Attorney:</u>	Supervisor received an opinion from Attorney Figura regarding the fire millage issue.
(D) <u>Commissioner Report:</u>	Report received.
(E) <u>Zoning Administrator:</u>	Not present. No report.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

**\*Ted Schendel, Candidate for Sheriff, and John Daugherty, Candidate for Probate Judge, announced their intentions to run for the November Election.**

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Special Olympics Michigan – G.T. Band Grant Money.
2. Michigan Assessing Service – Notice of vacation time from May 6<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup> – No office hours during this time.
3. Benzie County Clerk, Dawn Olney – Refresher Course for Clerks and Deputy Clerks – April; 16<sup>th</sup> – 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS: None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

(A) Committee reports were received.

**\*Supervisor noted the Township Clean-up Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a. m. – 12:00 p.m.**

NEW BUSINESS:

**ORV Ordinance:**

Discussion followed.

Motion by Delonay to rescind the original ban on ORV's in Benzonia Township, except for Homestead Rd., Narrow Gauge Rd., and Deadstream Rd. Supported by Rice. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Mead, yes. Delonay, yes. Rice, yes. Motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comment was received regarding the Brownfield Authority Public Hearing on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

The full proceedings of these minutes are on tape in the Clerk's office for thirty days after approval of them.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patricia A. Mead  
Township Clerk