

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 8, 2012

Unapproved Minutes

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

Present: Sheets, Mead, Burns, Delonnay, Rice.

Absent: None.

Staff: Hanmer, Fernelius, Neiger.

Guests: 5 guests in attendance, & J. Mead, Candidate for Probate Judge.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sheets moved to place on the agenda after the Supervisor Report, Candidates running for office. Supported by Mead. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

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/Budget and Regular Meeting of January 11, 2012, and Special Meeting/Budget of January 31, 2012, and Special Meeting/Joint Meeting with Platte Township, as presented. Supported by Mead. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer presented a financial report for the month of January 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 January 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 January from the General Fund in the amount of \$ 25,459.62. Vouchers #21206 thru # 21210.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of January from the Fire Fund in the amount of \$ 2,005.65. Vouchers #7218 thru #7230.

Clerk presented bills for the month of February.

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, with exception of the Benzie Transportation Authority, until clarified. Supported by Rice. Roll Call Vote: Burns, yes. Rice, yes. Delonnay, yes. Sheets, yes. Mead, yes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

Motion by Mead to reappoint Genny Bowman as an alternate member to the Board of Review. Supported by Burns. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

\*Supervisor presented a Poverty Guidelines Exemptions Resolution.

Motion by Mead to adopt the Poverty Guidelines Exemptions Resolution for the year 2012. Supported by Burns. Roll Call Vote: Mead, yes. Delonnay, yes. Burns, yes. Rice, yes. Sheets, yes. Motion carried.

\*Supervisor requested amending the motion from last month concerning the Snowmobile Contract with the Benzie County Sheriff's Dept., raising it from \$200 to \$300.

Motion by Sheets to amend the motion from last month increasing the amount from \$200 to \$300 for the Snowmobile Program. Supported by Burns. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Mead, yes. Delonay, yes. Rice, yes. Burns, yes. Motion carried.

**\*Bruce Caylen, and John Mead, candidates for 2012 announced their intentions to run for Trustee and Probate Judge for the November Election.**

STAFF REPORTS:

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| (A) <u>Fire Chief:</u>           | Reported for the month of January:<br>6 fire runs; 11 medical runs.<br><br>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>  | No report.   |
| (E) <u>Zoning Administrator:</u> | Report received. Neiger reported on progress with blight violations.   |

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Colfax/Weldon Twps. & Village of Thompsonville – Joint Planning Commission & Proposed Joint Master Plan.
2. MSU Extension – Training Program for Benzie County.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

- (A) Committee reports were received.

Finance:

Motion by Mead to advertise for the Budget Hearing to be held on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> (Rescheduled Meeting) at 7:00 p.m., prior to the Regular Meeting. Supported by Delonay. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Benzie Bus – Service Agreement.

Motion by Rice to sign the terms of the Service Agreement with the Benzie Bus Transportation Authority. Supported by Burns. Roll Call Vote: Rice, yes. Burns, yes. Mead, yes. Delonay, yes. Sheets, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding the contract signing for the Election E Poll Book Machine.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comment was received regarding the Medical Marijuana Moratorium to be placed on the March agenda.  
Comment was also received about FOIA Policy, and an ATV Ordinance.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:38 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

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Patricia A. Mead  
Township Clerk