

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING/BUDGET HEARING (Rescheduled)
MARCH 13, 2012

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

Present: Sheets, Mead, Burns, Rice.
Absent: Delonnay.
Staff: Hanmer, Fernelius, Neiger.
Guests: 5 guests in attendance.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Burns to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2012, and Special Meetings of February 15 & 23, 2012 as presented. Supported by Rice. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Discussion.

Motion by Mead to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of February 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 February from the General Fund in the amount of \$8,254.64. Voucher #21252 thru # 21307.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of February from the Fire Fund in the amount of \$1,940.99. Vouchers #7231 thru # 7243.

Clerk presented bills for the month of March.

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

Motion by Mead to give the Supervisor authority to contact tree services for clean-up of tree limbs in the cemetery. Supported by Rice. Discussion. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

(A) Fire Chief: Reported for the month of February:
8 fire runs; 9 medical runs.

Chief updated the board on several items.

(B) Cemetery Sexton: Report received.

(C) Township Attorney: No report.

(D) Commissioner Report: Not present. No report.

(E) Zoning Administrator: Report received.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Benzie County Clerk, Dawn Olney – Refresher Course for Clerks and Deputy Clerks – April 16th in the Commissioners Room – and Regional Training for the E Poll Book.
2. Retirement Letter, Patricia A.Mead, Clerk – dated March 13, 2012 - effective June 1, 2012.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

Motion by Burns to accept the Clerk's retirement effective June 1, 2012. Supported by Sheets, with regrets. Roll Call Vote: Burns, yes. Rice, yes. Sheets, yes. Mead, yes. Motion carried.

PENDING BUSINESS:

(A) Committee reports were received.

***Supervisor noted the Township Clean-up Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 19th from 7 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution – Boat Launch Washing Ordinance

Motion by Burns to adopt the resolution regarding the Boat Washing Ordinance, effective this date, March 13, 2012. Supported by Mead. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Mead, yes. Burns, yes. Rice, yes. Motion carried.

2. ATV Ordinance – Rory Russell
Rory presented maps for opening access points in the Township, encouraging support from the township. Discussion followed. ***Supervisor, Rory Russell and the Sheriff to meet regarding this.**

FISCAL YEAR BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

A resolution was offered by Mead that the 2012-2013 year proposed General Fund, Fire Fund, Park Improvement Fund, Fire Capital Improvement Fund, Roads Capital Improvement Fund, and West Benzie Joint Planning budgets be adopted as presented. Supported by Burns. Roll Call Vote: Rice, yes. Burns, yes. Mead, yes. Sheets, yes. Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

A resolution was offered by Mead that the 2012-2013 year proposed Wage Scale be adopted. Supported by Rice. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Rice, yes. Mead, yes. Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

A resolution was offered by Burns that the Township Treasurer be authorized to invest the Township funds in Central State Bank, Honor Bank, and/or State Savings Bank. Supported by Mead. Roll Call Vote: Burns, yes. Rice, yes. Mead, yes. Sheets, yes. Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

A resolution was offered by Mead to designate meeting schedules for the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year. Supported by Burns. Roll Call Vote: Rice, yes. Mead, yes. Burns, yes. Sheets, yes. Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Mead
Township Clerk