

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING/CLOSED SESSION  
MAY 9, 2012

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

Present: Sheets, Mead, Burns, Delonnay, Rice.  
Absent: None.  
Staff: Neiger.  
Guests: 6 guests in attendance & Billie Jo Clark, atty.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Supervisor noted a correction to the April 11, 2012 minutes to be made under New Business to read:

Motion by Delonnay to rescind the original ban on ORV's in Benzonia Township, excluding Homestead Rd., Narrow Gauge Rd., and Deadstream Rd., except the 3/10 of a mile section on Narrow Gauge Rd. between Eldridge Rd. & Eastman Rd. Supported by Rice. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Mead, yes. Delonnay, yes. Rice, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Rice to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 11, 2012, as corrected, and Special Meeting of April 23, 2012 as presented. Supported by Delonnay. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer presented a financial report for the month of April 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 April as presented. Supported by Delonnay. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

(A) Approval of bills  
Discussion.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of April from the General Fund in the amount of \$36,869.85. Vouchers # 21345 thru # 21398.

Clerk presented vouchers for the month of April from the Fire Fund in the amount of \$ 11,448.56. Vouchers # 7275 thru # 7293.

Clerk presented bills for the month of May.

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, except for Michigan Assessing Services, until such time we receive the new contract. Supported by Burns. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Rice, yes. Mead, yes. Delonnay, yes. Burns, yes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

**Candidates:**

Jason Barnard, candidate for Benzonia Township Board Trustee – Democratic Party, Sheila Priest, candidate for Benzonia Township Board Trustee – Republican Party, and Billie Jo Clark, atty., candidate for Probate Judge, announced their intentions to run for the election.

STAFF REPORTS:

(A) Fire Chief: Chief not present. No report.

\*Clerk reported on the donation checks received from the Joy family for the Fire Dept. Association Fund.

(B) Cemetery Sexton: Sexton not present. No report.

(C) Township Attorney: No report.

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

(E) Zoning Administrator: Neiger reported.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Benzie Historical Society – Contribution from township.
2. Conservation Resource Alliance – Contribution from township.
3. Benzie County Road Commission – Brining schedule & costs.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

Motion by Burns to enter into the contract for brining as proposed by the Road Commission. Supported by Mead. Roll Call Vote: Mead, yes. Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Delonay, yes. Rice, yes. Motion carried.

PENDING BUSINESS:

- (A) Committee reports were received.

NEW BUSINESS:

**\* Resolution for adoption of the West Benzie Joint Planning Commission Zoning Ordinance.**

Motion by Delonay to adopt the resolution for the West Benzie Joint Planning Commission Zoning Ordinance, and rescind the previous ordinance at 12:00 A.M. on the day that the new Zoning Ordinance goes into effect, and subject to attorney review and publication. Supported by Rice. Roll Call Vote: Delonay, yes. Mead, yes. Rice, yes. Burns, yes. Sheets, yes. Motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comment was received regarding the Village of Benzonia's stand on ORV's.

Motion by Delonay to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters, and will be limited to the Treasurer, Supervisor, and Trustee Delonay for matters of voting. Supported by Burns. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Mead, yes. Rice, yes. Delonay, yes. Motion carried.

**\*Supervisor adjourned at 8:40 p.m. to enter into Closed Session.**

**\*The Regular Session of the meeting reconvened at 9:05 p.m. after the Executive Session.**

Motion by Burns to appoint Diana Heller to fill the temporary position of Township Clerk. Supported by Delonay. Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Burns, yes. Delonay, yes. Sheets, yes. Motion carried.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 9:20 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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Diana L. Heller  
Township Clerk