

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
May 8, 2013

Unapproved Minutes

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

Present: Sheets, Heller, Burns, Priest, Barnard.
Absent: None.
Staff: Hanmer, Neiger, Fernelius.
Guests: 4 guests in attendance, G. Rineer, Comm. & R. Edwards at 8:00 p.m.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Barnard to approve minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 10, 2013, and Special Meeting of April 18, 2013 as presented. Supported by Heller 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)

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

CLERK'S REPORT

- (A) Approval of bills
Discussion followed about splitting costs of the dumpster at Memorial Park between the Cemetery and Memorial Park.

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 Barnard that bills be allowed as presented by the Clerk. Supported by Burns. Roll Call Vote: Barnard, yes. Sheets, yes. Heller, yes. Priest, yes. Burns, yes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

Ron Edwards – Aquatic Nuisance Ordinance:

Not present. *Ron arrived later in the meeting.

Discussed the need to sign and publish the ordinance.

Motion by Burns to pass the Aquatic Nuisance Ordinance #2013-3. Supported by Barnard. Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Priest, yes. Heller, yes. Burns, yes. Barnard, yes. Sheets, yes. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

- (A) Fire Chief: Reported for the month of April:
2 fire runs; 17 medical runs.
Chief updated the board on several items.
- (B) Cemetery Sexton: Report received.
- (C) Township Attorney: No report.
- (D) Commissioner Report: Mr. Rineer updated the board on several items regarding County business.

(E) Zoning Administrator:

Neiger reported on several items.
***Neiger indicated the need to purchase Civil Infraction tickets.**

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter/bill – Accucomp Computers.
Discussion.

***To be tabled until the Special Meeting.**

2. MTA – Spring Meeting at Crystal Mountain – June 11th at 8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

(A) Committee reports were received.

Finance: Adopt Library Budget

Motion by Burns to adopt the Library Budget in the amount of \$120,000 for the 2013-2014 year. Supported by Priest. Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Burns, yes. Sheets, yes. Heller, yes. Priest, yes. Barnard, yes. Motion carried.

Annuity Payments – Language Clarification:

Motion by Burns to add the language to the Annuity Schedule for clarification. Supported by Barnard. Roll Call Vote: Priest, yes. Heller, yes. Barnard, yes. Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Motion carried.

Personnel:

Burns reported on a rough draft contract for the Zoning Administrator between Benzonia and Platte Township. Discussion. ***To have the Policy Committee review and bring back to the board.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Special Board Meeting. ***Supervisor scheduled for Thursday, May 16th at 11:00 a.m.**

2. **Brining Contract:**

Motion by Barnard to contract with the Benzie County Road Commission for brining per their estimate. Supported by Priest. Roll Call Vote: Barnard, yes. Priest, yes. Heller, yes. Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Motion carried

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Art Stevens had questions regarding the assessing increase on Mrs. Barnett’s property on Crystal Ave.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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

Diana L. Heller
Township Clerk

