

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 12, 2013

Meeting called to order by Clerk Heller, in absence of Supervisor Sheets, at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Priest, Barnard, Heller.
Absent: Sheets, Burns.
Staff: Hanmer, Fernelius.
Guests: 2 guests in attendance, G. Rineer, Comm. & R. Miner, Benzonia Library.

Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Barnard to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2013, and Special Meeting of May 16, 2013 as presented. Supported by Priest. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

In absence of the Treasurer, the Clerk presented the Treasurer's financial report for the month of May from the General and Fire Funds. (Copy of report attached to minutes in the Record Book)

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

CLERK'S REPORT

(A) Approval of bills
Discussion.

Clerk presented bills for the month of June.

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 Priest. Roll Call Vote: Barnard, yes. Priest, yes. Heller, yes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Clerk reported in absence of the Supervisor.

1. Letter of request from the Benzie County Sheriff's Office regarding a contract for Summer Patrol Services. Clerk read the letter, with a copy of the agreement form to sign. Discussion followed. *Tabled until a Special Meeting is called, or until acted upon at the July meeting.
2. Metro Act Permit Renewal – Century Link.
Discussion. *Tabled until the next meeting.

Roxane Miner – Library Annual Report:

Roxane presented the Benzonia Public Library Fiscal Year 2012 Annual Report. ***Roxane introduced Mary Peters, the appointed representative to the Township Board for 2 years.**

STAFF REPORTS

(A) Fire Chief:

Reported for the month of May:
10 fire runs; 11 medical runs.

Chief updated the board on several items. Reported on 2 new applicants to join the department: John Ballard, a former member of the department, and Elizabeth Merrill, an EMT who is studying to be a nurse. Discussion followed.

Motion by Barnard to accept both applicants as new volunteer firemen trainees. Supported by Priest. Roll Call Vote: Heller, yes. Priest, yes. Barnard, yes. Motion carried.

*Chief also reported the need to have a Fireworks Ordinance in place before next year.

(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: Not present. No report.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Benzie Area Historical Society – Acknowledgement of contribution.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS: None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

(A) Committee reports were received.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Comment received about a cemetery situation.

Clerk adjourned the meeting at 8:19 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,

Diana L. Heller
Township Clerk