

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 10, 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.
Guests: 2 guests in attendance, & G. Rineer, Comm.

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 the minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 12, 2013, and Special Meeting of July 2, 2013 as presented. Supported by Burns. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

***Treasurer noted there was a notice in today's paper (Patriot) regarding the due date for summer taxes which is September 16th. It is also noted on the Treasurer's voice mail, the Township's newsletter, and on the Web Page. As a tax receipt is not automatically mailed now, the public can look it up on the Web Page – BS&A – giving information from the Treasurer and Assessor's office, and capable of printing your own tax receipt from the Treasurer's office.**

CLERK'S REPORT

(A) Approval of bills
Discussion.

Clerk presented bills for the month of July.

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: Priest, yes. Heller, yes. Burns, yes. Barnard, yes. Sheets, yes. Motion carried.

*Clerk noted an invoice from Gillison's for work done at the park at a cost of \$579.00, which he generously donated.

*Reported receiving a thank-you letter from the Benzie Conservation Resource Alliance, and also Benzie Historical Museum for donations received from the township.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

***Supervisor presented and read the resolution proposing creation of a Special Assessment District for fire protection services. Discussion.**

Motion by Barnard to accept the resolution as presented proposing creation of a Special Assessment District for fire protection services. Supported by Heller. Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Barnard, yes. Heller, yes. Sheets, yes. Priest, yes. Burns, yes. Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

***Supervisor presented and read language for the Notice of Public Hearing for a Special Assessment District for fire protection services, to be held on July 31, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at Benzonia Township. Publish dates of July 17th & 24th, 2013.**

***Supervisor presented facts and figures regarding the Benzie County Road Commission's request for a road millage. Discussion.**

STAFF REPORTS

- (A) Fire Chief: Reported for the month of June:
8 fire runs; 19 medical runs.

Chief updated the board on several items.
- (B) Cemetery Sexton: Not present. No report.
- (C) Township Attorney: No report. *His communications were handled under the Supervisor's report.
- (D) Commissioner Report: Mr. Rineer updated the board on several items regarding County business.
- (E) Zoning Administrator Not present. A written report was received.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None. *Handled under the Clerk's report.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

- (A) Committee reports were received.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ***Cemetery Program Bid.**

Clerk reported receiving 1 bid and is waiting on a couple more bids. ***To be tabled for the next meeting.**

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comment was received about the Trapp Farm with costs relating from the Creek there running into the Settling Basin.

Also comment regarding property taxes for fire protection with Government agencies being free of charge.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:35 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

