

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 2013

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

Present: Sheets, Heller, Burns, Priest, Barnard.  
Absent: None.  
Staff: Hanmer, Fernelius.  
Guests: 4 guests in attendance, G. Rineer, Comm., & A. Noah.

Supervisor 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 Burns to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 10, 2013, and Special Meetings of July 24, 31, and August 7, 2013 as presented. Supported by Barnard. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

CLERK'S REPORT

- (A) Approval of bills  
Discussion.

Clerk presented bills for the month of August.

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

STAFF REPORTS

- (A) Fire Chief: Reported for the month of July:  
4 fire runs; 19 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: Not present. No report.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Marianne Fleetwood, Chair – Relay For Life.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

(A) Committee reports were received.

NEW BUSINESS:

**1. Northwest Michigan Invasive Species – Benzie Conservation District.**

Tad Peacock, Executive Director spoke on Invasive Species.

2. Anne Noah.

Cedar Ridge property owner questioned the board regarding decisions made by the Township Assessor.

**\*The board will review all information and get back with Anne.**

**Supervisor presented a letter from Stephen W. Peterson to be entered into the minutes, regarding the Public Hearing on July 31<sup>st</sup> for the proposed Special Assessment District for Fire Protection.**

Discussion followed about how to proceed with a Special Assessment District or a millage request. **\*The attorney has been asked to draft language for a millage vote in November. Board concurred to continue with the next Special Meeting (Public Hearing) for a Special Assessment District request in case a millage vote fails.**

Motion by Burns to accept the resolution outlining the millage request language as presented in draft #2. Supported by Priest. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Heller, yes. Priest, yes. Barnard, yes. Burns, yes. Motion carried. Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comment was received regarding the proposed SAD for fire protection.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:37 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,

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Diana L. Heller  
Township Clerk