

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2014

Unapproved Minutes

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

Present: Sheets, Heller, Burns, Priest, Barnard.
Absent: None.
Staff: Hanmer, Fernelius, Neiger.
Guests: 4 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 Burns to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of December 11, 2013 as presented. Supported by Barnard. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer presented a financial report for the month of December 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 December 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 January.

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

Discussed changing the date of the March Township Board Meeting due to the schedule of the Board of Review. ***Supervisor rescheduled the meeting for Thursday, March 13th at 7:30 p.m.**

***Supervisor scheduled a Budget Work Session for Tuesday, January 14th 2014 at 11:00 a. m.**

***Treasurer will make arrangements with Charter Communications to bundle our 3 services: x Internet, Cable for Fire Dept., and 2 phone lines for a savings of over \$120 a month.**

STAFF REPORTS

(A) Fire Chief:

Reported for the month of December:
8 fire runs; 14 medical runs.

Reported on the total runs for 2013:
67 fire runs; 180 medical runs.

Chief updated the board on several items.

Reported on the new applicant for the dept., John Fortine. Discussion.

Motion by Barnard to accept John Fortine onto the Fire Department. Supported by Priest. Discussion.
Roll Call Vote: Barnard, yes. Heller, yes. Burns, yes. Sheets, yes. Priest, yes. Motion carried.

- (B) Cemetery Sexton: Report received. Eric reported on the need to shovel snow from the roof of the storage buildings. ***Supervisor will talk to Aaron Hickey about it.**
- (C) Township Attorney: No report. ***Supervisor reported on Mr. Figura's correspondence under the Supervisor's report.**
- (D) Commissioner Report: Mr. Rineer updated the board on several items regarding County business.
- (E) Zoning Administrator: Neiger reported on several items.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- I. Clerk reported on the Par Plan Insurance Plan – Dividend check received.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

- (A) Committee reports were received.

***Treasurer reported on purchasing pre-stamped envelopes for the remainder of this year , and the next fiscal year. Board concurs to order the needed amount of envelopes.**

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comment was received about the Freshwinds application for the school. Also comment regarding the status of the Tractor Supply Store.

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