

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING/BUDGET HEARING (Rescheduled)  
MARCH 13, 2014

**Unapproved.**

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

Present: Sheets, Heller, Burns, Priest, Barnard.  
Absent: None.  
Staff: Hanmer, Neiger.  
Guests: 2 guests in attendance.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**\*Supervisor asked to allow Marlene Wood to report after the Clerk's Report and before the Supervisor's Report.**

Motion by Burns to approve the agenda, as amended, and presented. Supported by Heller. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Barnard to approve the minutes for all 3 meetings, for the November 27, 2013 West Benzie Joint Planning Commission, the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2014, and Special Meeting of February 20, 2014 as presented. Supported by Priest. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

\*Treasurer explained about the Personal Property Tax Form #5076 which exempts business owners who have less than \$80,000 in personal property.

CLERK'S REPORT

(A) Approval of bills  
Discussion.

Clerk presented bills for the month of March.

Clerk presented to the board for their review, an end of the month Trial Balance.

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

**Marlene Wood – Benzie County Recycling Coordinator:**

Presented an Annual Report for the recycling program. She furnished copies of her report to board members and for the public. **\*Also noted an Electronic Collection Day, April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Betsie Valley School from 10 AM – 1:00 PM, and on Earth Day a Paper Shredding Event on Tues. April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Benzie Community Resource Center, Benzonia from 10 AM – Noon.**

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

**\*Supervisor reported on a letter of resignation from Ron Edwards on the West Benzie Joint Planning Commission, effective April 14, 2014.**

STAFF REPORTS

(A) Fire Chief:

Reported for the month of February:

5 fire runs; 13 medical runs.

Chief updated the board on several items.

\*Supervisor reported information received from MTPP regarding Standard Operating Procedures that the Chief had requested.

(B) Cemetery Sexton:

Not present. No report.

(C) Township Attorney:

No report. Supervisor reported under his report.

(D) Commissioner Report:

Not present. No report.

(E) Zoning Administrator:

Neiger reported on several ZBA items.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

(A) Committee reports were received.

NEW BUSINESS:

**1. FISCAL YEAR BUDGET RESOLUTIONS**

A resolution was offered by Barnard that the 2014-2015 year proposed General Fund, Fire Fund, Park Improvement Fund, Fire Capital Improvement Fund, Roads Capital Improvement Fund, and West Benzie Joint Planning budgets be adopted as presented. Supported by Priest. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Heller, yes. Burns, yes. Priest, yes. Barnard, yes. Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

A resolution was offered by Burns that the Township Treasurer be authorized to invest the Township funds in Central State Bank, Honor Bank, and/or State Savings Bank. Supported by Barnard. Roll Call Vote: Priest, yes. Heller, yes. Sheets, yes. Barnard, yes. Burns, yes. Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

A resolution was offered by Burns that the 2014-2015 year proposed Wage Scale be adopted. Supported by Barnard. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Heller, yes. Priest, yes. Burns, yes. Barnard, yes. Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

A resolution was offered by Barnard to designate meeting schedules for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year. Supported by Burns. Roll Call Vote: Heller, yes. Barnard, yes. Sheets, yes. Priest, yes. Burns, yes. Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:24 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