

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 9, 2014

Approved Minutes

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

Present: Sheets, Heller, Priest, Barnard.  
Absent: Burns.  
Staff: Hanmer, Fernelius, Neiger.  
Guests: 4 guests in attendance & G. Rineer, Comm.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**\*Supervisor requested moving item #2 under New Business up to just before Staff Reports – Michigan Assessing Services.**

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

Motion by Barnard to approve the minutes for the March 13, 2014 Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting as presented. Supported by Heller. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Not present. No report.

CLERK'S REPORT

(A) Approval of bills  
Discussion.

Clerk presented bills for the month of April.

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

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

Supervisor reported that the Township no longer has a Fire Contract with Blaine Township. **\*Discussed and agreed to proceed with establishing a Fire Run Charges (Cost Recovery) Ordinance. Fire committee will work with the Fire Chief on this and bring back to the board.**

**Draft Agreement with BACN:**

Supervisor presented the Draft Agreement for allocation of Tribal Council 2% funds. Discussion.

Motion by Barnard to proceed with the BACN Draft Agreement for tribal funds. Supported by Priest.  
Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

**\*Supervisor noted the Special Meeting scheduled on Wed., April 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. at Benzon Township Hall – being conducted by the Crystal Lake Watershed regarding the flooding of the Trapp Farm.**

**Kit Wilson – Michigan Assessing Services:**

Kit presented information regarding their proposed contract with Benzon Township from May 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 – 2017.

Motion by Barnard to accept the contract with Michigan Assessing Services. Supported by Heller. Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Barnard, yes. Sheets, yes. Heller, yes. Priest, yes. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

(A) Fire Chief: Reported for the month of March:  
4 fire runs; 12 medical runs.  
Chief updated the board on several items.

Chief presented information regarding 2 Training Fund Grant Applications through the Michigan Fire Fighters Council. #1 Grant for \$5,000 to cover costs of a Water Rescue & Ice Water Rescue Instructor. #2 Grant for \$6300 to cover training aids equipment. Payment required upon approval of these grants, with reimbursement to the township. Discussion followed.

Motion by Sheets to apply for the grant at a cost of approximately \$5,000. Supported by Barnard. Roll Call Vote: Barnard, yes. Heller, yes. Priest, yes. Sheets, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Sheets to submit the grant to purchase 5 Laptop Computers, 5 LCD Projectors, and 5 Licenses for Microsoft Office 2013, at an approximate cost of \$6300. Supported by Barnard. Roll Call Vote: Heller, yes. Priest, yes. Sheets, yes. Barnard, yes. Motion carried.

(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: Neiger reported on several ZBA meetings and permits issued.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Friends of the Benzonia Ice Rink – Thank you for contribution.
2. Quote for replacement of 2 computers – XP version – cost of \$2386.

Discussion.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

Motion by Heller to accept Accucomp Computers quote for the 2 new PC's & Monitors for \$2400. Supported by Priest. Roll Call Vote: Heller, yes. Priest, yes. Sheets, yes. Barnard, yes. Motion carried.

PENDING BUSINESS:

(A) Committee reports were received.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bill Kennis – Benzie Transportation Authority.

Not present.

2. Benzonia Library – Roxane Miner.

Presented the Benzonia Public Library Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Report. Also reported there being 2 openings on the Library Board.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:43 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

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Diana L. Heller  
Township Clerk