

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
May 14, 2014

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: 1 guest 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 April 9, 2014 as presented. Supported by Sheets. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer presented a financial report for the months of March and April from the General and Fire Funds. (Copy of report attached to minutes in the Record Book)

Motion by Priest to approve the Treasurer's report for the months of March and April as presented. Supported by Barnard. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

(A) Approval of bills
Discussion.

Clerk presented bills for the month of May.

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, with the Clerk checking into the insurance renewal and possibly charging part of it to the Fire Department, as long as the 2 totals equal the same amount. Supported by Barnard. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Barnard, yes. Priest, yes. Heller, yes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

*Supervisor noted the invitation to the dedication ceremony of the Sleeping Bear Dunes Wilderness Area on Friday, May 30th – 12:00 Noon at Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive on #3 Dune Overlook. Park entrance fees are waived for that day.

STAFF REPORTS

(A) Fire Chief: Reported for the month of April:
4 fire runs; 22 medical runs.

Chief updated the board on several items.

(B) Cemetery Sexton: Report received.

(C) Township Attorney: No report. *Supervisor reported on issues the attorney has been covering.

(D) Commissioner Report: Mr. Rineer updated the board on several items regarding County business.

***Supervisor introduced Mr. Karl Sparks, County Administrator.**

(E) Zoning Administrator: Neiger received.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Benzie Co. Road Commission - Brining Roads bid.
2. Benzie County Treasurer – Notice of Foreclosure Sale – Village of Beulah.
3. DMB Lawn Services – Bid for Clean Up of grounds around the Township Hall – \$400.00. Discussion.
4. Roxane Miner – Library Budget.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

Motion by Burns to accept the bid from the Benzie County Road Commission for brining at a cost of \$2,476.65. Supported by Priest. Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Heller, yes. Priest, yes. Burns, yes. Barnard, yes. Sheets, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Priest to accept the bid from DMB Lawn Services for lawn improvement at the Township Hall, in the amount of \$400.00. Supported by Barnard. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Priest, yes. Barnard, yes. Heller, yes. Burns, abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Sheets to adopt the Library Budget at this date, May 14, 2014. Supported by Priest. Roll Call Vote: Priest, yes. Burns, yes. Barnard, yes. Heller, yes. Sheets, yes. Motion carried.

PENDING BUSINESS:

- (A) Committee reports were received.

Finance: Amend Fire Budget

Motion by Burns to amend the Fire Budget for 2014-2015 as follows: Reduce the Fire Contract income line item 206-632 from \$62,700.00 to \$26,550.00. And to reduce Transfer Out expense line item 206-965 from \$120,000.00 to \$90,000.00, and to reduce Contingency expense line item 206-980 from \$68,540.00 to \$62,290.00. This will reduce total income from \$402,650.00 to \$366,500.00 and total expenses from \$402,650.00 to \$366,500.00. Supported by Barnard. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Magna Corp. Representative

Not present.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:53 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

