

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 9, 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: 2 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 Barnard to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2014 as presented. Supported by Burns. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

**CLERK'S REPORT**

- (A) Approval of bills  
Discussion.

Clerk presented bills for the month of July.

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. Seconded by Priest. Roll Call Vote: Priest, yes. Burns, yes. Barnard, yes. Sheets, yes. Heller, yes. Motion carried.

- (B) **Primary Election Report**  
Clerk gave an update on preparations for the August 5<sup>th</sup> election.

- (C) **Assessor Request – Fees For Property Transfer Affidavits**

Clerk presented a request from the Assessor concerning the collecting of up to \$200 for non filing fees of property transfer affidavits. Discussion. **\*Treasurer offered a solution to ask the Title Companies to emphasize this in their closings. This method will be tried before having to collect.**

- (D) **Resolution Establishing A Receiving Board For Elections Held In Benzoniam Township.**

Motion by Burns that we adopt the Resolution Establishing A Receiving Board for elections held in Benzoniam Township. Supported by Sheets. Roll Call Vote: Burns, yes. Sheets, yes. Heller, yes. Priest, yes. Barnard, yes. Motion carried.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

**Stipulation For Entry of Consent Judgment – Jarco Investments, L.L.C.**

Discussion.

Motion by Barnard to stipulate for the Jarco Investments, L.L.C. – Tax Tribunal Docket #0443597. Supported by Burns. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

\*Supervisor presented a written summary of the situation with the Fire Dept. & Mutual Aid. Discussion.  
\*Supervisor will schedule a Special Meeting for the board to meet with the Chief and Township Attorney to review this.

STAFF REPORTS:

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| (A) <u>Fire Chief:</u>           | Reported for the month of June:<br>7 fire runs; 15 medical runs.<br><br>Chief updated the board on several items.<br><br>Chief requested purchase of a Heat Sensing camera for approximately \$5700.<br>Discussion. |
| (B) <u>Cemetery Sexton:</u>      | Report received.  |
| (C) <u>Township Attorney:</u>    | No report.  |
| (D) <u>Commissioner Report:</u>  | Mr. Rineer updated the board on several Items regarding County business.  |
| (E) <u>Zoning Administrator:</u> | Report received.  |

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

- (A) Committee reports were received.

**Fire Department:**

Discussed purchase of a Heat Sensing camera as requested by the Fire Chief.

Motion by Burns to purchase a Heat Sensing camera for the Fire Dept. – not to exceed \$6,000. Supported by Barnard. Roll Call Vote: Burns, yes. Heller, yes. Priest, yes. Barnard, yes. Sheets, yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- I. Appointment – Mary Peters – Benzonia Public Library Board.

Motion by Heller to appoint Mary Peters for the Benzonia Public Library Board to the term starting November 20<sup>th</sup> for a 2 year term. Supported by Barnard. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:40 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

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Diana L. Heller

Recording Secretary

Township Clerk