

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 13, 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. & F. Post, Emergency Co-ord. – County.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Barnard to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 9, 2014, and Special Meeting of July 22, 2014 as presented. Supported by Burns. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Motion by Heller to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of July 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 August.

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

Frank Post:

Benzie County Emergency Management Co-ordinator explained Act 390 of 1976 – 30.419 Disaster and Emergency Contingency Fund.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

STAFF REPORTS:

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| (A) <u>Fire Chief:</u> | Reported for the month of July:
10 fire runs; 17 medical runs.

Chief updated the board on several items. |
| (B) <u>Cemetery Sexton:</u> | Report received. |
| (C) <u>Township Attorney:</u> | No report. |
| (D) <u>Commissioner Report:</u> | Mr. Rineer reported on several items regarding County business. |
| (E) <u>Zoning Administrator:</u> | Report received. |

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Benzie County Road Commission – 2nd brining. Authorization form for signing – cost of \$2,843.20. Discussion.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

Motion by Heller that the Benzonia Township Board authorizes the 2nd brining for the summer of 2014 to the Benzie County Road Commission. Supported by Priest. Roll Call Vote: Heller, yes. Sheets, yes. Priest, yes. Burns, yes. Barnard, yes. Motion carried.

PENDING BUSINESS:

(A) Committee reports were received.

Park:

Burns reported on plans for a Dog Park at Memorial Park – requesting a motion from the Township Board.

Motion by Burns to have a Dog Park at the SE corner of Memorial Park to be paid for by private citizens. Supported by Priest. Roll Call Vote: Burns, yes. Sheets, yes. Heller, yes. Barnard, yes. Priest, yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

TRUTH IN TAXATION:

Motion by Burns that the Board passes the proposed additional millage increase of 0.0289 mills in the operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes. This would be a 1.21% increase over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. Supported by Barnard. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Barnard, yes. Heller, yes. Priest, yes. Motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comment received regarding a glove dispenser at Memorial Park for the planned dog park area.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana L. Heller
Township Clerk