

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 10, 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.  
Guests: 4 guests in attendance.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**\*Supervisor requested adding to the agenda, Frank Post & Karl Sparks, after the Clerk's Report.**

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

Motion by Barnard to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 13, 2014, and Special Meeting/Public Hearing Truth In Taxation of August 13, 2014 as presented. Supported by Burns. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

Discussion.

Motion by Barnard to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of August as presented. Supported by Priest. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

- (A) Approval of bills
- Discussion.

Clerk presented bills for the month of September.

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

**Frank Post:**

Benzie County Emergency Management Co-ordinator emphasized the purpose of MEMAC services. Post requests the Township Board adopts a resolution supporting this service. Discussion. **\*Board concurred to act on this at a Special Meeting after the 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Karl Sparks:**

Benzie County Administrator reported about a workshop for F.O.I.A. to be held on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. put on by MSU Extension – free of charge. \*He also presented brochures outlining a Benzie Summit Meeting – to be held on October 17, 2014 at the Elizabeth Lane Oliver Art Center in Frankfort from 8a.m. – 4 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

Reported on an e-mail from Dan Hook about the appointment of Cathy Hahn to the Darcy Library Board with a request for the Township to support her appointment.

Motion by Barnard to appoint Cathy Hahn to the Darcy Library Board. Supported by Priest. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

**\*Supervisor recommended adoption of a Fireworks Ordinance and to include a summary of it with the tax bills to be sent out. \*Discussion of a Fireworks Ordinance scheduled for discussion under New Business.**

STAFF REPORTS:

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| (A) | <u>Fire Chief:</u>           | Reported for the month of August:<br>15 fire runs; 16 medical runs.<br><br>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>  | Not present. No report.  |
| (E) | <u>Zoning Administrator:</u> | Not present. No report.  |

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comment received regarding the need for a Fireworks Ordinance in the Township.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

- (A) Committee reports were received,

NEW BUSINESS:

- I. Discussion Fireworks Ordinance.

Discussion followed, agreeing to possibly act on it at a Special Meeting.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comment received regarding picnic tables donated by Magna for Memorial Park.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:34 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

