

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING/BUDGET HEARING (Rescheduled)  
MARCH 12, 2015

**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: 0 guests in attendance.

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 February 11, 2015 .as presented.  
Supported by Priest. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

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

**CLERK'S REPORT**

- (A) Approval of bills  
Discussion.

Clerk presented bills for the month of March.

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 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.

**\*Reported on the meeting at Lake Township regarding Deadstream Rd.  
Discussion.**

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

**\*Supervisor noted the scheduled meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the High School auditorium –  
with Senator Booher present to speak on Proposal One.**

**STAFF REPORTS:**

- (A) Fire Chief:

Reported for the month of February:  
7 Fire runs; 12 medical runs.

Chief updated the board on several items.

- (B) Cemetery Sexton:

Report received.

- (C) Township Attorney:

No report.

(D) Commissioner Report: Not present. No report.

(E) Zoning Administrator: Neiger reported on several items.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS: None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

(A) Committee reports were received.

**Cemetery:**

Clerk reported on the proposed new cemetery software program. Discussion.

Motion by Burns to contract with Instone Data Solutions & John C. Anderson to do the software for us for Benzonia Township Cemetery, not to exceed \$3500.00 Supported by Priest. Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Burns, yes. Heller, yes. Sheets, yes. Priest, yes. Barnard, yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

**I. FISCAL YEAR BUDGET RESOLUTIONS**

A resolution was offered by Burns that the Township Treasurer be authorized to invest the Township funds in Central State Bank, Honor Bank, and/or State Savings Bank. Supported by Barnard. Roll Call Vote: Heller, yes. Priest, yes. Barnard, yes. Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

A resolution was offered by Burns that the 2015-2016 year proposed Wage Scale be adopted. Supported by Heller. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Priest, yes. Barnard, yes. Heller, yes. Burns, yes. Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

A resolution was offered by Barnard that the 2015-2016 year proposed General Fund, Fire Fund, Park Improvement Fund, Fire Capital Improvement Fund, Roads Capital Improvement Fund, West Benzie Joint Planning, and Library Budgets be adopted as presented. Supported by Priest. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Heller, yes. Burns, yes. Priest, yes. Barnard, yes. Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

A resolution was offered by Heller to designate meeting schedules for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year. Supported by Barnard. Roll Call Vote: Heller, ys. Barnard, yes. Priest, yes. Burns, yes. Sheets, yes. Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:17 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

