

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Sheets at 12:00 Noon.

Present: Sheets, Burns, Priest, Barnard, Heller.
Absent: None.
Staff: None.
Guests: None.

Clerk read Call of the Meeting as posted by law, on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 11:45 a.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be a special meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 of the Benzonia Township Board. The time will be 12 Noon at Benzonia Township Hall, 1020 Michigan Ave., Benzonia, MI 49616. The purpose will be to review findings by our Supervisor on items such as the Pond Road culvert, Cemetery care, Fireworks Ordinance, and anything else that may need action at this time by the Benzonia Township Board. Signed: Diana L. Heller, Clerk.

Pond Road Culvert:

Discussion followed with the full estimate of \$2,960.27, and the township share of 50%.

Motion by Burns to do the replacement of the culvert on Pond Road, not to exceed \$1500.00 for the township. Supported by Priest. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Priest, yes. Barnard, yes. Heller, yes. Motion carried.

Trees – Cemetery:

Supervisor reported about the need for removal of dead trees and brush. A bid of \$6,000 from DMB Lawn Service. Discussion followed about amending the current budget to cover this.

Motion by Sheets to amend the current budget to transfer \$7,000.00 from: 101-101-980 Contingency reducing it from \$42,170.00 to \$35,170.00, and moving it to 120-276-775 Cemetery – repair and maintenance, increasing it from \$4,900.00 to \$11,000.00, to take care of the dead trees in the Benzonia Township Cemetery. Supported by Barnard. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Burns, abstained. Priest, yes. Barnard, yes. Heller, yes. Motion carried.

Fireworks Ordinance:

Discussion followed. ***Tabled until the Supervisor can further investigate with Sheriff Schendel.**

Discussion followed about the winter edition of the township newsletter.

***Treasurer reported that the November Regular Meeting falls on Veterans Day November 11th, and needs to be moved to the following night on November 12th.**

Motion by Burns that our November 11th Regular Meeting be changed to Thursday, November 12th due to Veterans Day. Supported by Priest. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 12:30 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

