

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 8, 2015

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Sheets at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Sheets, Heller, Priest, Barnard.
Absent: Burns.
Staff: Hanmer, Fernelius
Guests: 3 guests in attendance & C. Carland, Comm.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Supervisor requested moving the Yearly Report for the Benzonia Public Library to after the Supervisor's Report.**

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

Motion by Priest to approve the minutes for the Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting of March 12, 2015 as presented. Supported by Barnard. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

***Treasurer not present. No report.**

CLERK'S REPORT

(A) Approval of bills
Discussion.

Clerk presented bills for the month of April.

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

***Requested board permission to sign contracts with the Benzie County Road Commission for work on Hoadley Rd. and Narrow Gauge Rd.. Total estimated costs for Narrow Gauge Rd. \$47,900 with the Township share of \$23,950. Hoadley Rd. total costs of \$42,700 with the Township share of \$21,350.**

Motion by Heller to give the Supervisor permission to sign the contracts for the Road Commission. Supported by Priest. Roll Call Vote: Barnard, yes. Heller, yes. Priest, yes. Sheets, yes. Motion carried.

***Supervisor reminded about the scheduled meeting on April 17th at 4:00 p.m. to be held at the High School auditorium – with Senator Booher present to speak on Proposal One.**

Supervisor reported that he will likely not be present for the May 13th Regular Board Meeting, as he will probably be out of town.

***Benzonia Public Library – Yearly Report – Roxane Miner & Amanda McLaren.**

Roxane Miner, board member presented copies of the Library FY 2014 Annual Report, and outlined their many services. She also introduced Amanda McLaren the new Library Director.

STAFF REPORTS:

(A) Fire Chief:

Reported for the month of March:

8 Fire runs; 13 medical runs.

Chief updated the board on several items.

(B) Cemetery Sexton:

Report received.

(C) Township Attorney:

No report.

(D) Commissioner Report:

Mr. Carland updated the board on several items regarding County business.

(E) Zoning Administrator:

Not present. No report.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Dennis Pace, Chairman, Friends of the Benzonia Ice Rink – Thank you for Township support.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

(A) Committee reports were received.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Benzonia Public Library – Yearly Report – Roxane Miner & Amanda McLaren.

Presented after the Supervisor’s Report.

2. Resignation – Mary Peters – Library Appointed Board Member.

Clerk read the letter of resignation – effective immediately.

3. Appointment Library Board Member.

***Supervisor recommended appointing Diana Heller.**

Motion by Barnard to appoint Diana Heller to the Benzonia Public Library Board. Supported by Priest.
Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:19 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