

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 13, 2015

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

Present: Sheets, Heller, Burns, Barnard.
Absent: Priest.
Staff: Fernelius, Neiger.
Guests: 2 guests in attendance, C. Carland, Comm. & Sheriff Schendel & Dan Smith, Jail Admin.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Barnard to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 8, 2015 as presented.
Supported by Heller. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Motion by Burns to approve the Treasurer's report for the months of March and April 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 May.

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, declining the Terrorism part of the insurance bill. Supported by Burns. Roll Call Vote: Barnard, yes. Burns, yes. Heller, yes. Sheets, yes.
Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

***Discussion followed about the cemetery well and possible easement for water from the Village of Benzonia.**

Motion by Heller to have Dick Figura, atty. prepare an easement between Mr. Brown and Benzonia Township cemetery to help provide water. Supported by Barnard. Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Heller, yes. Burns, yes. Barnard, yes. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

- (A) Fire Chief: Chief not present. No report.
- (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:

Report received.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comment was received regarding abandonment of the cemetery well, and also roof repair at The Maples.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Heritage Trail – Betsie River Water Trail - Ann Bourne – Request for letter of support from township.
***Referred to the Supervisor to respond.**

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

- (A) Committee reports were received.

NEW BUSINESS:

I. Sheriff Schendel & Dan Smith, Jail Admin. - Video

Presented a video showing jail operations, and took questions.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 9:05 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