

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 14, 2015

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: 2 guests in attendance, C. Carland, Comm., & C. Sullivan & K. Wieber, G.T. Land Conservancy.

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 Special Meeting/Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m., and Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on September 9, 2015, and Special Meeting of September 22, 2015 as presented. Supported by Priest. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer presented a financial report for the month of September 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 September as presented. Supported by Priest. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

(A) Approval of bills

Clerk presented bills for the month of October.

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: Priest, yes. Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Barnard, yes. Heller, yes. Motion carried.

(B) **Policies – Substance Abuse & Social Media:**

\*Clerk reported on recommendation from the Insurance Risk Manager to adopt these policies for both the Township and Fire Department, approved by our Attorney Mr. Figura..

Motion by Clerk Heller to adopt the Social Media Policy & Substance Abuse Policy, as recommended by our Insurance Risk Manager, and Attorney Figura. 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.

**\*Supervisor noted that on October 27<sup>th</sup> the Betsie River Restoration will meet at Weldon Township at 1:00 p.m.**

**Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Senator Booher, and Representative Franz will be at the Platte River Inn from 4 – 6 P.M.**

Supervisor reported on the e

assessment between Benzonia Township and Al Brown for Ingress & Egress at the cemetery.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Barnard to move forward with this agreement for easement between Benzonia Township and Al Brown, with ownership and marital status clarified. Supported by Burns. Roll Call Vote: Barnard, yes. Burns, yes. Sheets, yes. Heller, yes. Priest, yes. Motion carried.

**Park Maintenance Person:**

Discussion followed. \*Supervisor directed the issue to the Personnel Committee for recommendation.

Supervisor reported on discussion with the Village of Beulah regarding removal of spoils at the Settling Basin to be budgeted for in 2017.

**Benzie County Regional AFG Grant Application and Resolution Migration to 800MHz Trunked Radio Network:**

Clerk presented the Benzie County Grant Application and Resolution for radio communications between all area fire departments. \*Fire Chief explained the 5% cost for our fire department for the digital communication. Discussion followed.

Motion by Clerk Heller to adopt the resolution for the Benzie County Regional AFG Grant Application and Resolution for the Trunked Radio Network. Supported by Barnard. Roll Call Vote: Priest, yes. Sheets, yes. Heller, yes. Barnard, yes. Burns, yes. Motion carried.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

- (A) Fire Chief: Reported for the month of September:  
8 Fire runs; 18 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: Report received.

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:**

None.

**PENDING BUSINESS:**

- (A) Committee reports were received.

**Fire Department:**

Burns presented a bid from Gene Kerby Construction for repair work in front of the fire department at a cost of \$650.00.

Motion by Burns to call Gene Kerby Construction for repair on the pipe outside the Fire Hill doors at an amount not to exceed \$700.00. Supported by Sheets. Roll Call Vote: Priest, yes. Sheets, yes. Heller, yes. Burns, yes. Barnard. Yes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**I. Chris Sullivan & Kerry Wieber – G.T. Land Conservancy**

Presented information and request for support from the Township for exchange of land between the Conservancy and the DNR.

Motion by Burns that Benzonia Township supports the land exchange between the G.T. Conservancy and the DNR. Supported by Barnard. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:35 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,

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Diana L. Heller  
Township Clerk