

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING (Rescheduled)  
NOVEMBER 12, 2015

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

Present: Sheets, Heller, Burns, Priest, Barnard.  
Absent: None.  
Staff: Hanmer.  
Guests: 2 guests in attendance.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**\*Supervisor requested placing Bill Kennis, Director of the Benzie Bus on the agenda following the Supervisor's report.**

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

Motion by Burns to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 14, 2015 as presented. Supported by Barnard. Voice Vote All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

**\*Treasurer reported that she has appointed a new Deputy Treasurer, Lucie Scholten.**

Motion by Barnard to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of October 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 November.

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, with exception of Benzie & Crystal Pumping Service. Supported by Burns. Roll Call Vote Burns, yes. Barnard, yes. Sheets, yes. Priest, yes. Heller, yes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

Discussion followed regarding a Fireworks Ordinance, and an Ordinance Enforcer. Concluded the need to study this further.

**Bill Kennis – Director of Benzie Bus:**

Mr. Kennis presented their 2015 Fiscal Year Annual Report, updating the board on services.

STAFF REPORTS:

(A) Fire Chief:

Reported for the month of October:  
7 Fire runs; 13 medical runs.

Chief updated the board on several items.  
\*Reported that the new firefighter will begin his training classes for Fire Fighters I & II in

January.

Chief also requests purchasing 2 - 4 gas monitors, and 3 carbon monoxide monitors.

- (B) Cemetery Sexton: Sexton not present. Supervisor reported.
- (C) Township Attorney: No report.
- (D) Commissioner Report: Mr. Carland not present. No report.
- (E) Zoning Administrator: Not present. No report.

**Ken Blair – Park Maintenance:**

Ken presented brochures and information regarding used utility tractors. Discussion. **\*Board agrees to look into something for next summer.**

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

I. Clerk reported on communication from our Met Life agent in Williamsburg who will be here on November 24<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 6 P.M.to meet with all employees about annuities.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS: None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

- (A) Committee reports were received.

**Fire Department:**

Fire Chief request to purchase gas and carbon monoxide monitors.

Motion by Burns to purchase 2 – 4 gas monitors and 3 carbon monoxide monitors for a total price not to exceed \$1800.00. Supported by Priest. Roll Call Vote: Burns, yes. Sheets, yes. Heller, yes. Priest, yes. Barnard, yes. Motion carried.

Chief reported about the fiduciary responsibility for the Training Council classes by all the fire departments. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:39 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

