

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 7, 2016

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Sheets at 1:30 P.M..

Present: Sheets, Burns, Priest, Barnard, Heller.  
Absent: None.  
Staff: C. Brow, Assessor & R. Figura, atty.  
Guests: Kit Wilson, Michigan Assessing Services.

Clerk read Call of the Meeting as posted by law on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be a Michigan Tax Tribunal meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2016 of the Benzonia Township Board. The time will be 1:30 p.m. at Benzonia Township Hall, 1020 Michigan Ave., Benzonia, MI 49616. The purpose will be to discuss the Watson Tax Tribunal as reported by our Assessor and township attorney. And anything else that may need action at this time by the Township Board. Signed: Diana L. Heller, Township Clerk.

**Watson Tax Tribunal:**

Attorney Figura asked the Board to go into Closed Session to discuss the pending matter of Watson vs. Benzonia Township, as pending litigation would take a vote of two-thirds to do that. It would be his opinion that to have this discussion in an open forum, it would have a detrimental financial effect upon the Township's position in that litigation.

Motion by Barnard to enter into Closed Session to continue this meeting. Supported by Priest. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Priest, yes. Barnard, yes. Heller, yes. Motion carried.

**\*Supervisor adjourned the Regular Meeting at 1:41 p.m. to enter into Closed Session.**

**\*Supervisor reconvened the Regular Meeting after the Closed Session at 2:38 p.m.**

Motion by Barnard to authorize our attorney to proceed in the courts with his recommendations. Supported by Priest. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Priest, yes. Barnard, yes. Heller, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Burns to adjourn. Supported by Barnard. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 2:40 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