

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2016

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: 1 guest in attendance.

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 Burns to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of December 6, 2015, and Special Meeting/Closed Session of January 7, 2016 .as presented. Supported by Barnard. Voice Vote: All ayes.
Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Discussion.

Motion by Barnard to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of December as presented.
Supported by Priest. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

(A) Approval of bills
Discussion.

Clerk presented bills for the month of January.

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

Sheriff Schendel's request for support of Snowmobile Patrol:

Motion by Barnard to contribute \$300.00 to the Sheriff's Dept. Snowmobile Patrol Fund. Supported by Priest. Roll Call Vote: Barnard , yes. Sheets, yes. Priest, yes. Heller, yes. Burns, yes. Motion carried.

Reported on a Board of Review Training for \$35 per person at Garfield Township presented by their Assessor, on Friday, January 29th.

Discussed road repair estimates for Love Rd. & Case Rd. intersection, and Case Rd. on the winding curve area, and also for Orchard Hill Rd., and Timber Lane.

***Supervisor recommends doing the Love Rd. & Case Rd. intersection, and the curve on Case Rd..
Discussion.**

Motion by Sheets to accept the preliminary bids for the Love Rd. & Case Rd. estimates. Supported by Barnard. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Heller, yes. Priest, yes. Burns, yes. Barnard, yes. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

- (A) Fire Chief: Reported for the month of December:
9 fire runs; 13 medical runs.
Chief updated the board on several items.
- (B) Cemetery Sexton: Report received.
- (C) Township Attorney: Attorney Figura attended the Special Board Meeting on January 7th.
- (D) Commissioner Report: Not present. No report.
- (E) Zoning Administrator: Report received.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

- (A) Committee reports were received.

Fire Dept. – Risk Management Insurance Co. – Policies Update:

Motion by Barnard to accept all 9 new policies for the Fire Department. Supported by Priest. Roll Call Vote: Burns, yes. Sheets, yes. Heller, yes. Barnard, yes. Priest, yes. Motion carried.

Park:

The Board was unanimous that a letter of appreciation be sent to Gillison's for donation of work done on the new Dog Park at Memorial Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

***Supervisor scheduled the first Budget Meeting for January 28th at 12:00 noon.**

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:09 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