

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 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: 8 guests in attendance, & C. Carland, Comm.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Supervisor requested adding Craig Johnson, EMS Director to the agenda following Bob Roelofs presentation.**

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

Motion by Barnard to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 9, 2016, and Special Meetings of March 22, 2016 – Annual Budget Hearing at 11:00 a.m., and Special Meeting at 11:15 a.m. to adopt the 2016-2017 Budget as presented. Supported by Priest. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer presented a financial report for the month of March 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 month of March 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 April.

Clerk presented to the board for their review, an end of the month Trial Balance.

Motion by Priest that bills be allowed as presented by the Clerk, with exception of the Bio Care Physicals. Supported by Burns. Roll Call Vote: Barnard, yes. Burns, yes. Priest, yes. Sheets, yes. Heller, yes. Motion carried.

1. Library Millage Renewal Proposal – Rep from Beulah Darcy & Benzonia Public Libraries.

Vicki Carpenter presented the proposed Resolution for the Special Millage Renewal Proposal for the Beulah & Benzonia Libraries.

Discussion.

Motion by Barnard to approve the Library Millage Renewal to be put on the August 2nd ballot. Supported by Heller. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Barnard, yes. Heller, yes. Priest, yes. Motion carried.

2. Bob Roelofs – Veteran Memorial

Bob presented the proposed Veterans Memorial to be placed at Benzonia Township Memorial Park.

3. Craig Johnson – EMS Director

Craig presented information regarding CPR classes, and the upcoming EMS Millage.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

***Supervisor presented revised bid amounts for the local road contracts with the Benzie County Road Commission.**

Discussion.

Motion by Burns to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contracts with the Benzie County Road Commission to do Ingleston Rd., Orchard Hill Rd., and Timberlane. Supported by Barnard. Roll Call Vote: Heller, yes. Priest, yes. Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Barnard, yes. Motion carried.

*Supervisor will advertise in the Record Patriot on May 4, 11 & 18th for the Benzonia Township Trash Day scheduled for May 21st.

STAFF REPORTS:

(A) Fire Chief:

Reported for the month of March:
9 Fire runs; 11 medical runs.

Chief updated the board on several items.

Chief requested purchasing 4 new compressed air bottles at a cost of \$2,030.00.

Motion by Burns to purchase the compressed air bottles. Supported by Heller. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Priest, yes. Heller, yes. Barnard, yes. Motion carried.

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| (B) <u>Cemetery Sexton:</u> | Report received. *Eric noted the spring clean-up has already been done. |
| (C) <u>Township Attorney:</u> | No report. |
| (D) <u>Commissioner Report:</u> | Mr. Carland updated the board on County business. |
| (E) <u>Zoning Administrator:</u> | Report received. |

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

***Mark Walter presented information regarding his candidacy for the 101st District Republican Representative.**

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Crystal Lake Business Association – Thank you for support of the Easter Egg Hunt.
2. Benzie County Road Commission – Brine Contract. Discussion.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

Motion by Sheets to brine at least once, twice if needed during the summer. Supported by Barnard. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

PENDING BUSINESS:

- (A) Committee reports were received.

Fire Department:

Clerk presented the final 10 SOP's for the Fire Department. Motion by Barnard to accept the SOP's (Standard Operating Procedures) 10 of them. Supported by Priest. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Marlene Wood – County Recycling Co-ordinator.

Marlene presented the 2015 Annual Report.

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

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