

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 8, 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: 2 guests in attendance & C. Carland, Comm.

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 Regular Meeting of May 11, 2016, and Special (Rescheduled) Meeting of May 26, 2016 as presented. Supported by Priest. Voice Vote: All ayes.
Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer presented a financial report for the month of May 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 May 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 June.

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 Barnard. Roll Call Vote: Barnard, yes. Burns, yes. Sheets, yes. Priest, yes. Heller, yes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

Noted the meeting scheduled with Patty O'Donnell, MDOT on July 20, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at Benzon Township regarding streetscape.

Noted that on August 6, 2016 the Benzie Area Community Services Showcase will be held downtown in Beulah from 10:00 a. m. to 2:00 p.m. – with a \$30.00 entry fee.

Reported that Bob Kerby is preparing a bid for the sidewalk repair where the roof drains.
Discussion .

***Supervisor called for a recess at 7:55 p.m. for the board to go outside and view the needed repair work.**

***Supervisor reconvened the meeting at 8:00 p.m.**

Supervisor reported that he has extrapolated the costs for Eden Hill Rd. – 650 feet to 3 miles. A rough estimate of \$530,000. The Board will await estimates from the Benzie County Road Commission.

Reported on information about an ash urn for outside the building (\$45 plus \$5 for the bolt down kit.
Discussion.

Motion by Barnard to purchase the cigarette waste collector for \$45 plus \$5 for the bolt down kit. Supported by Heller. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor noted that an application for fireworks at a wedding this summer at Crystal Lake Golf Club is in order.

Noted that the Truth In Taxation will be held at the next regular meeting.

Reported on the foreclosure list from the Benzie County Treasurer. Discussion followed.

Motion by Barnard to pass on the foreclosure property sale of Lot 1 Crystal Village. Supported by Priest. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Heller, yes. Priest, yes. Barnard, yes. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

- (A) Fire Chief: Reported for the month of May:
5 Fire runs; 6 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.

Park:

Burns reported about estimates to purchase new picnic tables at a cost of \$150 each for 5, plus \$75 for 1 youth size table from Sean Jewell. Suggested the Park Committee funds could purchase 5 tables, and the township purchase 5 also. Discussion.

Motion by Burns that the township purchases 5 picnic tables at a cost of \$150 each from Sean Jewell for the park. Supported by Priest. Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Heller, yes. Priest, yes. Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Barnard, yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dawn Olney, Benzie County Clerk – gave a presentation announcing her candidacy for re-election at the August 2nd Primary asking for support.

Motion by Barnard to adjourn. Supported by Burns.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:45 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