

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 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: 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 Burns to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 8, 2016 as presented. Supported by Barnard. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Motion by Heller to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of June 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 July.

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

- (B) Resolution Establishing A Receiving Board For Elections:

Motion by Burns to adopt a resolution for the Receiving Board as presented by the Clerk for all elections beginning with the August 2nd 2016 election. Supported by Barnard. Roll Call Vote: Heller, yes. Burns, yes. Priest, yes. Sheets, yes. Barnard, yes. Motion carried.

- (C) Clerk presented the list of election workers who will take certification training on July 22nd – with 12 people attending.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

Presented the Final Opinion and Judgement for the Tax Tribunal cases for Kaskinen and Woodward.

***Supervisor noted the MTA Regional Meetings scheduled for October 26th at Crystal Mountain.**

Playada Park Waste Water Treatment Septic System:

Discussion.

Motion by Barnard to decline management of the Cluster Septic System for Playada Park. Supported by Heller. Roll Call Vote: Barnard, yes. Burns, yes. Sheets, yes. Heller, yes. Priest, yes. Motion carried.

***Supervisor presented an estimate from Bob Kerby for the sidewalk repair work and catch basin - between \$800 to \$900. Discussion.**

Motion by Heller to approve Bob Kerby's quote not to exceed \$1,000.00 for fixing the sidewalk and catch basin. Supported by Priest. Roll Call Vote: Priest, yes. Heller, yes. Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Barnard, yes. Motion carried.

*Supervisor suggested having a special meeting dealing with Personnel.

Supervisor reported on bids & quotes in response to petitions received regarding roads and brining. Discussion. ***Tabled until a special meeting is held with further estimates.**

STAFF REPORTS:

- (A) Fire Chief: Reported for the month of June:
9 Fire runs; 12 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. *Neiger outlined an Ordinance covering Short Term Rental regulations.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

- (A) Committee reports were received.

***Supervisor noted the Township Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday August 13th – 7:00 -11:30 a.m.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Truth In Taxation.

Motion by Burns to levy the maximum allowed for each unit – operating for the Township at .0852, the Fire operating millage at .9928, and the Library operating millage at .5956 for the winter tax 2016 year. Supported by Barnard. Roll Call Vote: Burns, yes. Barnard, yes. Heller, yes. Priest, yes. Sheets, yes. Motion carried.

2. Playada Park Waste Water Treatment Association.

Motion taken care of during Supervisor's Report.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comment was received from Kelly Long and Coury Carland.

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

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:30 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