

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2016

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Sheets at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Sheets, Priest, Burns, Barnard.
Absent: Heller.
Staff: Fernelius, Neiger.
Guests: 3 guests in attendance.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Burns to approve minutes for the Special Meeting/Public Hearing Truth In Taxation July 13, 2016 at 7:00 P.M., & Regular Meeting of July 13, 2016, and Special Meeting of July 20, 2016 as presented. Supported by Priest. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer presented a financial report for the month of July 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 July as presented. Supported by Priest. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

(A) Approval of bills presented by the Treasurer, in absence of the Clerk.
Discussion.

Treasurer presented bills for the Clerk for the month of August.

Treasurer 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 Treasurer for the Clerk. Supported by Barnard.
Roll Call Vote: Barnard, yes. Burns, yes. Sheets, yes. Priest, yes. Heller, absent. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

***Supervisor presented the contract from the Benzie County Road Commission for the 2nd brining. Discussion.**

Motion by Burns to go ahead with the 2nd brining. Supported by Barnard. Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Burns, yes. Sheets, yes. Priest, yes. Barnard, yes. Heller, absent. Motion carried.

Supervisor noted not having received a decision yet on the Lincoln/Harris road brining, and paving on the norther portion of Harris & Eden Hill Rd. ***Board will meet on Thursday at 10:00 A.M. regarding this.**

***Reported a joint meeting is scheduled with Almira Township next Monday, August 15th at 5/30 p.m. – to discuss the particulars of a shared Fire Chief with Almira Township. Meeting to be held at Almira Township.**

***Supervisor reported on the 911 Plan Amendment by the Board of Commissioners – to either adopt the one they are going with, or to set our own 911 Plan. Discussion.**

Motion by Barnard to go with the County 911 Plan. Supported by Priest. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

***Noted the MTA meeting to be held at Crystal Mountain on October 26th.**

STAFF REPORTS:

- (A) Fire Chief: Not present. No report.
- (B) Cemetery Sexton: Report received.
- (C) Township Attorney: No report.
- (D) Commissioner Report: Not present. No report.
- (E) Zoning Administrator: Report received.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comment was received regarding the scheduled Special Meeting for Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

None.

PENDING BUSINESS:

- (A) Committee reports were received.

Community Activities:

*Supervisor noted the scheduled Township Clean-up Day set for Saturday, August 13th.

Park:

Burns reported receiving checks for donations. \$138 received from person using and enjoying the Dog Park. Also a \$50 check from person using Memorial Park and appreciating the amenities it offers.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Motion by Burns to adjourn. Supported by Priest. 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.

Submitted by:

Judy Herban
Recording Secretary

Diana L. Heller
Township Clerk