

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

REGULAR MEETING, September 14, 2016

Approved Minutes

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

Present: Sheets, Priest, Burns, Barnard, Heller
Absent: None
Staff: Fernelius, Neiger, Adams, Miner
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 Yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Barnard to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2016 regular meeting and August 11, 2016, Burns supported it and motion was passed by a voice vote.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The treasurer presented a financial report for the month of August from the General and Fire Funds. (Copy of report attached to minutes in the Record Book.) Motion by Heller and seconded by Barnard to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The clerk presented a Profit and Loss statement for both the General and Fire Funds and a list of Accounts Payable for the month of August for both accounts. Barnard made a motion to pay the bills for the month of August, supported by Priest. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Sheets, yes; Barnard, yes; Burns, yes; Priest, yes; Heller, yes.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Sheets update the board on several issues: DMB Landscaping, the dog park, work on the Veterans Memorial, Shumaker MTT and retirement of the fire chief. Sheets read a letter to the board from resident Elaine Saffron concerning a burial of her ex-husband, by her son (Brent) who is in the service. This would mean waiving the \$150.00 fee for the burial. After discussion, Burns made a motion to waive the fee for this one resident. Priest supported the motion, and a roll call was taken, Sheets, yes; Burns, yes; Barnard, yes; Heller, yes; Priest, yes. Motion passed.

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STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: New fire chief, Steve Adams was present, said he would be
At the township, Thursday mornings, 7am – 11am.
2. CEMETERY SEXTON: Report on closing the cemetery during October.
3. TOWNSHIP ATTY. No report, not present
4. COMM. REPORT; No report, not present
5. ZONING ADM; Report received.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: Carey Corey from Big Dog Towing said her company will pay for the cemetery fee for the Saffron family. The Board thanked her for her generosity.

COMMUNICATION: The clerk reported the township was getting a new copier, with no increase in leasing price. The election workers were also presented to the board for the General Election.

No Committee Reports were presented.

NEW BUSINESS: none

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion by Barnard to adjourn, seconded by Priest.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:34pm.

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller,
Township Clerk