

# BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

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REGULAR MEETING, October 12, 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, Carland  
Guests: 1 guest in attendance

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Burns to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Priest. Voice Vote: All Yes. Motion passed.

Motion by Burns to approve the 4 sets of minutes, Barnard supported them and motion was passed by a voice vote.

## TREASURERS REPORT:

The treasurer presented a financial report for the month of September from the General and Fire Funds. (Copy of report attached to minutes in the Record Book.) Motion by Barnard and seconded by Heller 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 September for both accounts. Burns made a motion to pay the bills for the month of September, 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: Contracts for Higgins and Eden Hill Rds' from the Road Commission, the dog park water test, removal of Porta john, retirement recognition of the fire chief, John Hanmer, discussion on political signs and broadband survey. Sheets recommended for consideration purchasing a Kubota Mower from Crystal Downs they have for sale. Barnard made a motion to approve the contract as presented from DMB

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Landscaping, supported by Priest. Burns asked to abstain from the vote. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Sheets, yes; Barnard, yes; Priest, yes; Heller, yes. Supervisor Sheets presented some boundary adjustment paperwork and asked to have a special meeting regarding these next Wednesday, October 19. It was decided by all that it would take place at 4:00pm.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: New fire chief, Steve Adams gave his report for September
2. CEMETERY SEXTON: Report on closing the cemetery during October.
3. TOWNSHIP ATTY: No report, not present
4. COMM. REPORT: Coury Carland gave his Commissioners report for September
5. ZONING ADM: Report received.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMUNICATION: The clerk reported the township received the new copier, with no increase in leasing price. Heller brought up the allowing of appeals; this will be brought up as an item at the special meeting next Wednesday

- Building and Grounds: The committee is looking into roof leaks that are existing and one that is new.
- Community Activities: The committee is concerned with the creek issues behind Northwood's Lodging and down the road.
- Personnel: Diana introduced her new Deputy Clerk, Karin Miner.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Medical Marijuana Moratorium: Burns made a motion to extend the resolution for the Medical Marijuana Moratorium through December 31, 2016, supported by Priest.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion by Barnard to adjourn, seconded by Priest.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm.

Submitted by:

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Diana L. Heller,  
Township Clerk