

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

APPROVED

REGULAR MEETING, November 9, 2016

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

Present: Sheets, Priest, Burns, Barnard, Heller
Absent: None
Staff: Fernelius, Neiger, Miner, Carland
Guests: 4 guests in attendance

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Barnard to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Priest. Motion was passed by a voice vote.

Motion by Burns to approve the 3 sets of minutes; Special Meeting, October 6 – Regular Meeting, October 12 – Special Meeting, October 19, Priest supported them and motion was passed by a roll call vote. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Sheets, yes; Barnard, yes; Burns, yes; Priest, yes; Heller, yes.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The treasurer presented a financial report for the month of October from the General and Fire Funds. (Copy of report attached to minutes in the Record Book.) Motion by Barnard and seconded by Priest 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 October for both accounts. Barnard made a motion to pay the bills for the month of October, 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: Higgins Road needs a guard rail for safety purposes, He asked that all board members go look at the location and report back to him. Friday, November 11 will be the dedication of Memorial Park at 2:00pm. Discussion on whether the Deputy Treasurer could take care of the Deeds and the transfer paperwork. Karen will talk

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to her deputy regarding this. Jason said in the off times that the deputy treasurer wasn't able to, he would do it.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: No report, not present
2. CEMETERY SEXTON: Report on survey Section C.
3. TOWNSHIP ATTY: No report, not present
4. COMM. REPORT: Coury Carland gave his Commissioners report for October, discussion on Maples roof.
5. ZONING ADM: Report received.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMUNICATION: Discussion on the Benzie County Master Plan, Networks Northwest, Sarah Lucas; Regional Planning Department Manager. Karin will contact Jim Stamm to put the link www.networksnorthwest.org/benziecounty on our website

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Building and Grounds: Carpet was cleaned in the board room for the Election, the rest of the building needs to be cleaned maybe in the spring. Discussion on the new roof estimate, have not received one yet.
- Fire Department: None received.
- Community Activities: Clean up dates will be May 20, 2017 and August 12, 2017.
- Finance: Burns made a motion to transfer \$5000 from Road Improvement Fund #245-965 to General Fund Roads #224-940 increasing it from \$56,000 to \$61,000, supported by Priest. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Sheets, yes; Barnard, yes; Burns, yes; Priest, yes; Heller, yes.
- Parks: Discussion on lighting at the park and possibly some lighting for the Memorial Park.
- Personnel: No report.
- Policy: No report.
- ZBA: December 1st

NEW BUSINESS:

- Benzonia Public Library Annual Report: Amanda McLaren gave a yearly report on the library and everything that is happening there.

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EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Jeff Miner brought it to the attention of the board that here needs to be something done on Narrow Gauge Rd at the Eldridge Rd intersection. There is a bump in the pavement that needs to be smoothed out because the fire truck bottoms out on it.

Motion by Barnard to adjourn, seconded by Priest.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:57pm.

Submitted by:

Karin L. Miner,

Diana L. Heller,

Recording Secretary

Township Clerk