

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

APPROVED

REGULAR MEETING, December 14, 2016

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

Present: Barnard, Priest, Sheets, Burns, Heller
Absent: None
Staff: Fernelius, Neiger, Miner
Guests: 1 guest in attendance – Bill Kennis; Benzie Bus

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Burns to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Sheets. All Ayes, Motion carried.

Motion by Priest to approve the minutes from the Regular board meeting, November 9. Burns supported, all Ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The treasurer presented a financial report for the month of November from the General and Fire Funds. (Copy of report attached to minutes in the Record Book.) Motion by Burns and supported by Sheets 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 November for both accounts. Sheets made a motion to pay the bills for the month of November, 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 Barnard updated the board on several issues: It was advised that Narrow Gauge to Moss road will be paved in 2017 instead of Love Road and Love Rd will be paved in 2018. Heller made a motion that this change be made on the millage for 2017, supported by Sheets. All ayes, motion carried. Sheets motioned the Grants for BACN asking for \$15,840 and Bike Benzie asking \$5,360 be approved, supported by Burns. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Sheets, yes; Barnard, yes; Burns, yes; Priest, yes; Heller, yes. Motion carried. Discussion on the letter from the Sheriff Department regarding snowmobile safety. It was decided to table the discussion until Jason contact the Sheriff Department on Monday for clarification on if they were looking for enforcement also. After discussion on the window quote for the window in the fire station Sheets moved to go with the Anderson window, supported by Priest. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Sheets, yes; Barnard, yes; Burns, yes; Priest, yes; Heller, yes. Motion carried. Heller moved to give the normal \$1,000 to the Ice Rink in December and again in February if needed, Priest supported. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Sheets, yes; Barnard, yes; Burns, yes; Priest, yes; Heller, yes. Motion

carried. Decision was made to set the Budget meeting in January's regular meeting. Committee appointments will remain the same with the exception of Sheets and Priest will be on the Township roads committee.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: Report given for the month of November
2. CEMETERY SEXTON: Gates are closed for the Winter season, report given on burials
3. TOWNSHIP ATTY: No report, not present
4. COMM. REPORT: Coury Carland gave his Commissioners report for November.
5. ZONING ADM: Report received. Discussion on changing members around so the board would have more full time members

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMUNICATION: Diana read the Thank You card from John Hanmer for his retirement party

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Building and Grounds: Discussion on the roof estimate, have not received one yet.
- Fire Department: None received.
- Township Roads: Burns asked if anything was being done with Higgins Rd, Sheets was told that it meets all requirements. Eden Hill road will be done in the Spring of 2017 to be worked into the new budget.
- Finance: Discussion regarding transfer affidavits; Burns and Barnard will talk about the subject on Monday.
- Parks: Submitted a grant for surveillance cameras.
- Personnel: No report.
- Policy: No report.
- ZBA: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Benzie Bus Annual Report: Bill Kennis gave a yearly report on the Benzie Bus and everything that is happening there. Kennis asked that we put a link on our website for the Newsletter.
- Motion by Burns to re-adopt the Medical Marijuana Moratorium resolution for another 6 months from December 14, 2016 to June 30, 2017, supported by Sheets. All ayes, motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion by Burns to adjourn, seconded by Sheets.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:41pm.

Submitted by:

Karin L. Miner,
Recording Secretary

Diana L. Heller,
Township Clerk