

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

APPROVED

REGULAR MEETING, February 8, 2017

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

Present: Barnard, Priest, Sheets, Burns, Heller

Absent: Neiger

Staff: Fernelius, Miner, Adams, Carland

Guests: 5 guests in attendance

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Burns to approve the minutes from the Regular board meeting, January 11, Special Meeting, January 19 and Special meeting January 31. Heller supported. All Ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The treasurer presented a financial report for the month of January from the General and Fire Funds. (Copy of report attached to minutes in the Record Book.) Motion by Sheets and supported by Priest to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

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 January for both accounts. Burns made a motion to pay the bills for the month of December, supported by Priest. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Priest, yes; Heller, yes; Sheets, yes; Burns, yes; Barnard, yes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Barnard updated the board on several issues: Short term rental ordinance. A public meeting is being scheduled, an ad in the paper when the scheduling is decided. Fireworks Ordinance' was discussed. The Assessor ad was placed in the Record Patriot and Record Eagle, on our website and MTA website. Four resumes have been received to date. They will be reviewed at the end of the month by the personnel committee.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: Report given for the month of January
2. CEMETERY SEXTON: Report given for the month of January
3. TOWNSHIP ATTY: No report, not present
4. COMM. REPORT: Coury Carland gave his Commissioners report for January
5. ZONING ADM: Absent

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMUNICATION: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Building and Grounds: None
- Fire Department: None
- Township Roads: US 31 from the traffic light to Hanmer's Resort will be resurfaced in 2020. In 2019 Pond Road will be resurfaced in preparation of the detour that will take place in the process
- Finance: None
- Parks: Ordered bench and sign for the Dog Park. Getting 5 picnic tables in March and another 5 in April
- Personnel: Reported earlier
- Policy: None.
- ZBA: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ed Hoogterp (Drain Commissioner): Reported on the state of the settling pond and discussion on how to get a group started to address the water problems in Beulah along Highway 31.
- Fire Recovery Cost System: The Fire Department is going to watch a video to learn more about the program and answer any remaining questions they have before the decision is made on whether to purchase the program.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion by Sheets to adjourn, supported by Priest.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm.

Submitted by:

Karin L. Miner,
Recording Secretary

Diana L. Heller,
Township Clerk

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Discussion on short term rental ordinance.
- Discussion on Fireworks Ordinance.

- Drain Commission Ed Hoogterp was a guest speaker to discuss the settling basin and water issues along US Hwy 31 in Beulah.
- Discussion on Fire Recovery system.