

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

APPROVED

REGULAR MEETING, January 11, 2017

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

Present: Barnard, Priest, Sheets, Burns, Heller
Absent: None
Staff: Fernelius, Neiger, Miner
Guests: 3 guests in attendance

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Burns to approve the minutes from the Regular board meeting, December 14. Heller supported, all Ayes, motion carried.

Jason has a correction on the minutes for the special meeting minutes September 26, 2016. The verbiage to be changed is instead of "paving" it should read installing a culvert. A motion was made by Burns to change this in the minutes, Supported by Sheets. All ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The treasurer presented a financial report for the month of December from the General and Fire Funds. (Copy of report attached to minutes in the Record Book.) Motion by Burns and supported 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 December for both accounts. Burns made a motion to pay the bills for the month of December, with the exception of paying half of the Glen Lake Electric bill and the Fire Department pay the other half of the bill, supported by Sheets. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Barnard, yes; Priest, yes; Heller, yes; Burns, yes; Sheets, yes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Barnard updated the board on several issues: A copy of the new committee appointments presented. The topic of the Snowmobile Safety donation of \$300 was discussed. A motion made by Sheets to give them the \$300 and they can disperse it as they see fit. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Barnard, yes; Priest, yes; Heller, yes; Burns, yes; Sheets, yes. Motion carried. A joint meeting is scheduled with the Platte Township Board to readopt the Medical Marijuana Moratorium and electronic signs at 6:00PM, and a budget meeting is scheduled for 11:00AM on Thursday the 19th. Jason discussed an email regarding a representative from Verizon wanting to make an

appointment to come into the office to discuss the options of having Verizon as our provider.

STAFF REPORTS:

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

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMUNICATION: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Building and Grounds: Discussion on window quote for the Fire Department
- Fire Department: None
- Township Roads: None
- Finance: Regarding the invoices for transfer affidavits that were sent September 7, 2016. Burns made a motion to send invoices for delinquent transfer affidavits out again in January 2017 along with a memo that if the invoice isn't paid by February 28th, there will be a monthly interest of 1.5% charged beginning March 1, 2017 until the charge is paid in full. Supported by Heller. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Sheets, yes; Burns, yes; Priest, yes; Heller, yes; Barnard, yes. All Ayes, Motion carried.
- Burns made a motion to void out two of the delinquent transfer affidavits for parcels: 02-011-014-00 and 02-012-020-30. These properties were purchased by the US Department of Interior National Park Service. AND to not bill the US Department of Interior National Park Service for any further affidavits that they fail to report. Supported by Sheets. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Heller, yes; Priest, yes; Burns, yes; Barnard, yes; Sheets, yes. All Ayes, Motion carried.
- Burns made a motion regarding the transfer affidavits to begin charging the standard \$5.00/day up to \$200.00 that is allowed per P.A. 415 of 1994, MCL Chapter 211.17a (10) for any property transfers after December 1, 2016. AND to add interest at a rate of 1.5% per month to any that have not filed the affidavit after the \$200.00 charge has been reached. This goes into effect 45 days after the transfer of property. Supported by Priest. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Heller, yes; Barnard, yes; Burns, yes; Sheets, yes; Priest, yes. All Ayes, Motion carried.
- Parks: No report.
- Personnel: No report.
- Policy: No report.
- ZBA: Dave is scheduling a meeting to approve the minutes of the last meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

- Fire Recovery Cost System: After discussion, Sheets made a motion to table it until they research it more. Supported by Burns. All ayes, motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion by Sheets to adjourn, supported by Priest.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm.

Submitted by:

Karin L. Miner,
Recording Secretary

Diana L. Heller,
Township Clerk

- Motion for correction on board minutes for the Special Meeting, September 26, 2016. Motion carried
- Motion to pay $\frac{1}{2}$ Glen Lake Electric bill with fire department to pay other 1/2. Motion carried
- Motion to pay \$300 to Sheriff Department for snowmobile safety. Motion carried
- Motions regarding transfer affidavits, all motions carried.
- Fire recovery cost system discussed. It was decided to table it until more research was completed on it.