

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

APPROVED

REGULAR MEETING, April 12, 2017

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Barnard at 7:35pm.

Present: Barnard, Priest, Sheets, Heller
Absent: Neiger, Burns
Staff: Fernelius, Miner, Adams, Carland
Guests: 1 guest 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 Sheets to approve the minutes from the Regular board meeting, March 8, 2017. Priest supported. All Ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

A financial report for the month of April from the General and Fire Funds was presented. (Copy of report attached to minutes in the Record Book.) Motion by Heller 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 April for both accounts. Sheets made a motion to pay the bills for the month of March, supported by Priest. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Sheets, yes; Barnard, yes; Heller, yes; Priest, yes; Burns, absent. All Ayes, Motion carried.

Heller presented a resolution to apply for a grant for our new voting equipment. A Roll call vote was taken as follows: Priest, yes; Heller, yes; Barnard, yes; Sheets, yes; Burns absent. All Ayes, motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Barnard updated the board on several issues. New Assessors are coming on board starting May 1, 2017, Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00am – 4:00pm. An ad was placed in the local papers and on the Township website for a new Zoning Administrator. Clean up day is May 20, 2017. The Road Commission will be paying 50% of the brining of the roads. Sheets moved that the Township move forward with the brining with the Road Commission paying 50% of the cost, Heller supported. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Heller, yes; Barnard, yes; Sheets, yes; Priest, yes; Burns absent. All Ayes, motion carried. A Special Meeting is scheduled to discuss the fire recovery system, discuss medical runs for the fire department and Road Commission paving of Mollineaux

and Eden Hill Roads. The Special Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25th at 11:00am.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: Report given for the month of March.
2. CEMETERY SEXTON: Lot reclaim, Section C, 155 spaces. Eric recommended to put an ad in the paper for 60 days in order for people to come forward if they choose to keep the lots. Sheets moves to put an ad in the paper of the recollected lots in Section C, for 60 days, supported by Heller. All Ayes, motion carried.
3. TOWNSHIP ATTY: No report, not present
4. COMM. REPORT: Coury Carland gave his Commissioners report for the month of March
5. ZONING ADM: Absent

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMUNICATION: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Building and Grounds: Jason is checking into the status of the replacement window in the fire department building.
- Fire Department: none
- Township Roads: none
- Community Activities: none
- Finance: none
- Parks: Tarps were stolen off of the garbage cans over the Winter and the cans were filled with garbage, there is also a waste problem at the dog park. Discussion followed on how the surveillance cameras will help alleviate the problem and discussion to contact Jimmy Evans to install locks on the public bathrooms.
- Personnel: The new Assessors are Dave and Jill Brown and they will start May 1. An ad is in the paper and on the web site for a new Zoning Administrator.
- Policy: None.
- ZBA: None

NEW BUSINESS:

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion by Sheets to adjourn, supported by Priest.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:28pm.

Submitted by:

Karin L. Miner,

Diana L. Heller,

Recording Secretary

Township Clerk

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Discussion on Fire Recovery system
- Special Meeting scheduled for April 25 at 11:00am to discuss fire recovery, Road Commission, and fire department medical runs
- Resolution for a grant for our new voting equipment.
- New Assessors Dave and Jill Brown are coming on board starting May 1, 2017, Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:00am – 4:00pm.
- Ads placed for a new Zoning Administrator
- The Road Commission will be paying 50% of the brining of the roads.
- Cemetery Lot reclaim, Section C, 155 spaces.