

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

APPROVED

REGULAR MEETING, May 10, 2017

Meeting called to order by Clerk Diana Heller at 7:30pm.

Present: Priest, Sheets, Burns, Heller
Absent: Neiger, Barnard
Staff: Fernelius, Miner, Adams, Carland
Guests: 1 guest in attendance

The Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Sheets to approve the minutes from the Regular board meeting, April 12, 2017 and the Special meeting on April 25, 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 Priest and supported by Burns 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 May 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: Burns, yes; Priest, yes; Heller, yes; Barnard, absent; Sheets, yes. All Ayes, Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

No report

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: Report given for the month of April.
2. CEMETERY SEXTON: Report given for the month of April.
3. TOWNSHIP ATTY: No report, not present
4. COMM. REPORT: Coury Carland gave his Commissioners report for the month of April.
5. ZONING ADM: Sheets asked permission to offer the people in violation of the blight ordinance 2 loads instead of one load to get rid of their waste.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMUNICATION: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: None
- Parks: The committee will have a meeting to discuss lights, bathroom locks and signs regarding when the park is closed, and discuss the dog park
- Building and Grounds: Chris Steffke from Aspen Wireless came in and talked to Karen about broadband options in Benzonia.
- Fire Department: none
- Township Roads: A discussion on Weishaar Rd being gated and whether the repair on the road should be done. Sheets made a motion to put the road repair on hold until they know more, supported by Burns. All ayes, motion carried.
- Community Activities: May 20th is clean-up day.
- Finance: Auditors; Baird, Cotter and Bishop will be in the Township office, May 22, 23, and 24, 2017.
- Personnel: Discussion on the applicants that sent in resumes for Zoning Administrator. Sheets proposed to add the zoning administrator to the Supervisor's duties on a temporary basis to commence as of June 1, 2017, supported by Burns. All Ayes, motion carried.
- Policy: None.
- ZBA: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sonny Rodriguez would like to know the possibility of having a Bocce ball court at the Memorial Park. It has to be a level area and Sonny would build the framework for it. Trustee Sheets and Rodriguez will meet with Ken of the Park Maintenance.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.

Submitted by:

Karin L. Miner,
Recording Secretary

Diana L. Heller,
Township Clerk

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Blight Offer, Mr. Sheets asked permission to offer the people in violation of blight 2 passes for trash removal instead of one. All of the board members agreed

- Meeting is being planned to discuss park lights, bathroom locks, and dog park
- Weishaar Road culvert, on whether to do it or not. On hold for now
- Auditors coming in May 22, 23, 24
- Resumes from zoning administrators, It was decided to add to Supervisor's duties commencing June 1, 2017
- Sonny Rodriguez asking for bocce court at Memorial Park. He will get with Ken