

# BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

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## UNAPPROVED

REGULAR MEETING, October 11, 2017

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

Present: Barnard, Priest, Sheets, Burns, Heller  
Absent: None  
Staff: Fernelius, Miner, Adams, Carland, Neiger  
Guests: 1 guest in attendance

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Burns asked to have Blight report added to the Agenda as number 6. under staff reports. Motion by Burns to approve the agenda as corrected, supported by Heller. All Ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Burns to approve the minutes from the Regular board meeting, September 13, 2017. Priest supported. All Ayes, motion carried.

## TREASURERS REPORT:

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

## SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Barnard updated the board on several issues. Roof will be started next weekend. Gary Gilchick has resigned from the planning commission and has been replaced by a new member. Eden Hill is finished. Brining has been completed on the roads for the second time. Barnard, Heller and Adams had a meeting to discuss Station 5 medical staffing.

## STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: Report given for the month of September.
2. CEMETERY SEXTON: Report given.
3. TOWNSHIP ATTY: Not present.

4. COMM. REPORT: Coury Carland gave his report for the month of September.
5. ZONING ADM: Barnard gave the report. Zoning has been very busy. Neiger is helping Barnard on special land uses and ZBA.
6. BLIGHT REPORT: Sheets sent out several letters and has received no responses yet.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMUNICATION: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: None.
- Parks: Surveillance Cameras are being installed beginning 10/12/17. Ken has been working on the fence to keep cars off the lawn.
- Building and Grounds: None.
- Fire Department: None.
- Township Roads: None.
- Community Activities: None.
- Finance: None.
- Personnel: None.
- Policy: None.
- ZBA: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jaws of Life estimate for the Fire Department: Burns made a motion to Purchase the new Jaws of Life equipment at \$30,953.22, supported by Heller. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Priest, yes; Heller, yes; Barnard, yes; Sheets, yes; Burns, yes. All Ayes, Motion carried.
- Ed Hoogterp – Cold Creek Storm Water Grant: Discussion on the proposed Benzonia Township Board Resolution. Sheets made a motion to adopt the resolution for the Cold Creek Restoration and Beulah Storm Water Reduction Project. Supported by Burns. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Sheets, yes; Burns, yes; Barnard, yes; Heller, yes; Priest, yes. All Ayes, Motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion by Burns to adjourn, supported by Priest.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.

Submitted by:

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Karin L. Miner,  
Recording Secretary

Diana L. Heller,  
Township Clerk

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Surveillance cameras being installed at the Park
- Motion to purchase new Jaws of Life equipment
- Motion to adopt resolution for the Cold Creek Restoration and Beulah Storm Water Reduction Project – attached.