

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

APPROVED

REGULAR MEETING, November 8, 2017

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Barnard at 7:33pm.

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

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Sheets to approve the minutes from the Regular board meeting, October 11, 2017. Priest supported. All Ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

CLERK'S REPORT:

The deputy clerk presented a Profit and Loss statement for both the General and Fire Funds and a list of Accounts Payable for the month of October for both accounts. Burns made a motion to pay the bills with the exception of the Village of Benzonía water bill until they are contacted, for the month of November, supported by Priest. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Sheets, yes; Burns, yes; Barnard, yes; Priest. All Ayes, Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

- Supervisor Barnard updated the board on several issues. Outside lights are going to be replaced with LED lights. A five minute recess was taken to go outside and look at the lighting at 7:44, back in session at 7:46. Burns made a motion to hire Bluewater Electric to put in the new lights and the outlet not to exceed \$1,500.00, Supported by Sheets. . A roll call vote was taken as follows: Barnard, yes; Priest, yes; Burns, yes; Sheets, yes. All Ayes, Motion carried. The camera surveillance equipment will be installed tomorrow, Thursday, November 9 at the Park.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: Report given for the month of October. Medical license has been renewed for 2017 and 2018. The new radio grant is coming along. Discussion on having the EMR class held here at the Township Office which is geared more toward fire training than Medical. It will be around February or March 2018. The cost is around \$7,000, but if other counties would be

interested they could share in the cost and it would benefit more people. It is sponsored by Munson and is an 80 hour class.

2. CEMETERY SEXTON: Report given.
3. TOWNSHIP ATTY: Not present.
4. COMM. REPORT: Coury Carland gave his report for the month of October.
5. ZONING ADM: Barnard gave the report. Zoning has been very busy. He is working on a spreadsheet to show at the next board meeting with the number of permits given.
6. BLIGHT REPORT: Sheets investigated the fence at Smitty's and discovered that Leelanau Redi-Mix has bought the property.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMUNICATION: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: None.
- Parks: None.
- Building and Grounds: None.
- Fire Department: Fire Millage renewal was discussed.
- Township Roads: None.
- Community Activities: There was discussion regarding whether the Township should pay half of the removal of the pond spoils. Barnard is calling Dan regarding this.
- Finance: Dates for the budget meetings will be set at December's board meeting.
- Personnel: New members are needed for the Board of Review and the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Policy: None.
- ZBA: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- BACN – 2% grant: Sheets made a motion to sponsor 2% for BACN, supported by Priest. All Ayes, motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion by Burns to adjourn, supported by Priest.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:53pm.

Submitted by:

Karin L. Miner,
Recording Secretary

Diana L. Heller,
Township Clerk

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Surveillance cameras being installed at the Park on Thursday, November 11
- Motion to hire Bluewater Electric to install new outside lighting on the building.
- Fire millage renewal discussed and a special meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 14
- EMR training discussed in Adams fire report.
- Discussion on half payment to the Village of Beulah for the pond.
- BACN 2% grant