

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

APPROVED

REGULAR MEETING, January 10, 2018

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Barnard at 7:31pm.

Present: Barnard, Priest, Burns, Heller, Sheets (excused)

Absent: Sheets (excused)

Staff: Adams, Miner

Guests: 1 guest in attendance

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Burns moved to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Sheets.

Motion by Burns to approve the minutes from the Regular board meeting, November 8, 2017 and the November 14, 2017 Special Meeting as amended striking out the third paragraph from the bottom. Heller supported. All Ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

A financial report for the month of November from the General and Fire Funds was presented. (Copy of report attached to minutes in the Record Book.) Motion by Burns, and supported by Priest 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 December for both accounts. Burns made a motion to pay the bills for the month of December with the exception of Fortress Security and Gillison's until the special meeting is held, supported by Priest. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Sheets, yes; Burns, yes; Barnard, yes; Priest, yes; Heller, yes. All Ayes, Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

- Supervisor Barnard updated the board on several issues. Surveillance cameras are up and running. A local roads meeting will be held next week. Medical Marijuana ordinance was discussed.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: Report given for the month of November. Spoke with the Hamatro Company about the Jaws of Life and they said it was two to three weeks out yet. Fire Recovery is coming along, getting the appropriate software in another month or so.

2. CEMETERY SEXTON: Report was submitted.
3. TOWNSHIP ATTY: Not present.
4. COMM. REPORT: Not present.
5. ZONING ADM: Barnard gave the report. Zoning has slowed down a little bit. Platte Township appointed Barnard as the Zoning Administrator as of 11/2/2017. Barnard is still working on the spreadsheet to share at the board meetings.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMUNICATION: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: None.
- Parks: None.
- Building and Grounds: None.
- Fire Department: None.
- Township Roads: None.
- Community Activities: The check for the Ice Rink will be sent.
- Finance: Burns sited several problems with printing and sending the taxes out this year and would like to hire KCI out of Grand Rapids do the printing and mailing of the taxes.
- Personnel: None.
- Policy: None.
- ZBA: Barnard is compiling a yearly report.
- Blight: Sheets reported on one property.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Bill Kennis, Executive Director of the Benzie Bus gave the Annual report for 2017.
- Barnard is having a meeting with Dan regarding the spoils in Beulah.
- Fire Millage wording was discussed for the May ballot. Motion by Sheets to adopt the Fire Millage Resolution as written, Priest supported. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Sheets, yes; Burns, yes; Barnard, yes; Priest, yes; Heller, yes. All Ayes, Motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

A special meeting was scheduled to talk about budget and medical marijuana and any other subject needed to be discussed for Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at noon.

Motion by Barnard to adjourn, supported by Burns.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm.

Submitted by:

Karin L. Miner,
Recording Secretary

Diana L. Heller,
Township Clerk

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Surveillance cameras are up and running at the Park.
- Platte Township appointed as zoning administrator as of 11/2/2017.
- Check for the Ice rink was sent out.
- Jaws of Life will be at the Fire Department in a couple months.
- New software coming to the Fire Department.
- Discussion regarding hiring a company named KCI out of Grand Rapids to handle the mailing out of the property taxes in the future.
- Bill Kennis, Executive Director of the Benzie Bus gave the Annual report for 2017.
- Fire millage resolution adopted.