

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

APPROVED

REGULAR MEETING, February 14, 2018

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

Present: Barnard, Sheets, Burns, Heller
Absent: Priest (excused)
Staff: Adams, Miner
Guests: 7 guests in attendance

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Burns to approve the minutes from the Regular board meeting, January 10, 2018 and the Special Meeting, January 8, 2018. Heller supported. All Ayes, motion carried.

Amanda McLaren, Director of the Benzonía Library gave the Annual report for 2017.

James Henderson introduced himself as the new EMS Director in the county.

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

Heller presented a quote and a recommendation from Denny Ray to update our router and firewall. The cost will be \$479.00. It was discussed that it should be done; Heller will contact Denny Ray and let him know to proceed with it. The carpet quote and installation for the office was discussed. It was decided to file the quote away and hold off on it for a while.

It was discussed that the second payment of the ice rink is not going to be sent out, because the agreement originally was if there was skating in February. The weather has not been conducive for skating.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

- Supervisor Barnard updated the board on several issues. Board of Review meetings scheduled. A local roads meeting will be held next week. Medical Marijuana ordinance was discussed. A 2% grant was awarded from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians for the second half 2017 2% cycle in the amount of \$8,000.00 for the "Benzie Area Christian Neighbor Outreach Program"

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: Report given for the month of January.
2. CEMETERY SEXTON: Not present.
3. TOWNSHIP ATTY: Not present.
4. COMM. REPORT: Report given for the month of January.
5. ZONING ADM: Barnard gave the report. Zoning has slowed down a little bit. Medical Marijuana meeting next month.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMUNICATION: A thank you card was given to the Township from the weight loss group that holds their meetings every Tuesday, along with a donation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: None.
- Parks: Ken called and reported that someone had spray painted a building across the street from the Park on South St.
- Building and Grounds: None.
- Fire Department: None.
- Township Roads: None.
- Community Activities: None.
- Finance: Budget was presented to all board members. It will be on the table in the clerk's office for a month. The budget meeting is set for March 14th before the regular board meeting at 7:00pm.
- Personnel: None.
- Policy: None.
- ZBA: None.
- Blight: Sheets reported on the property on Homestead Rd. He is making copies of all of the correspondence and sending them to the owners.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Marty Jablonski and Betty Demers presented a proposal to put in a green burial section in the Benzonia Township Cemetery.
- 2018 Poverty guidelines Resolution/Asset test/Application; Motion made by Sheets to adopt the board of Benzonia Township guidelines for the poverty income and also pass the resolution regarding the asset test and also the application, supported by Burns. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Burns, yes; Sheets, yes; Heller, yes; Barnard, yes. All Ayes, Motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion by Sheets to adjourn, supported by Burns.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:37pm.

Submitted by:

Karin L. Miner,
Recording Secretary

Diana L. Heller,
Township Clerk

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- James Henderson introduced himself as the new EMS director of Benzie County.
- Amanda McLaren gave the annual Benzonia Library report.
- Marty Jablonski and Betty Demers presented a proposal to put in a green burial section in the Benzonia Township Cemetery.
- 2018 Poverty Guidelines resolution.
- Denny Ray is coming in to update the firewall and router.
- No check for the ice rink.
- Holding off on new carpet.
- Budget presented to board members; meeting set for March 14, 2018