

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

APPROVED

REGULAR MEETING, March 14, 2018

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

Present: Barnard, Sheets, Burns, Heller, Priest

Absent: None

Staff: Adams

Guests: 8 guests in attendance

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Burns to approve the minutes from the Regular board meeting, February 17, 2018. Priest supported. All Ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

A financial report for the month of February 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 February for both accounts. Burns made a motion to pay the bills for the month of January, supported by Priest. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Heller, yes; Barnard, yes; Burns, yes; Sheets, yes; Priest, yes. All Ayes, Motion carried.

a) Four Budget Resolutions:

1. 2018-2019 Budget approved by: Burns, Sheets, Priest, Barnard, Heller; all ayes, motion carried
2. Treasurer, invest funds approved by: Sheets, Priest, Burns, Barnard, Heller; all ayes, motion carried
3. 2018-2019 wage scale approved by: Priest, Barnard, Heller, Sheets, Burns; all ayes, motion carried
4. 2018-2019 Administrative resolution to designate meeting schedules approved by: Heller, Priest, Barnard, Sheets, Burns; all ayes, motion carried

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Barnard updated the board on several issues. Board of Review meetings were held for 2 days. Motion by Sheets to verbally support the improvements needed at the Benzonia Park and to apply for a grant to help in the improvements when the

time comes, supported by Burns. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Priest, yes; Burns, yes; Heller, yes; Sheets, yes; Barnard, yes. All Ayes, Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: Report given for the month of February.
2. CEMETERY SEXTON: Not present.
3. TOWNSHIP ATTY: Not present.
4. COMM. REPORT: Not present.
5. ZONING ADM: Barnard gave the report. The Planning commission meeting for Medical Marijuana ordinance was well received, no opposition. The Planning Commission made the recommendation for Benzonia Township to opt-in with the Medical Marijuana ordinance.

The items are:

- A) No more than 9 grow operations and licenses in Benzonia Township in the Industrial zoning only.
- b) Not more than 3 processing licenses allowed in industrial and commercial zoning
- c) Not more than 3 provisioning centers, with 2 being in commercial zoning and 1 in industrial zoning
- d) Not more than 2 Safety compliance centers with 1 being in industrial and 1 being in commercial zoning
- e) Not more than 2 secure transporters in industrial and commercial zoning
- f) There are no fees associated with it as of yet

Motion by Sheets to adopt the ordinance providing the ordinance to authorize that Benzonia Township opts in for the process of establishing Medical Marijuana facilities, supported by Priest. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Burns, yes; Sheets, yes; Heller, yes; Barnard, yes; Priest, yes. All Ayes, Motion carried.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: Clarification questions for the Medical Marijuana Ordinance by Eric VanDussen, Derek Lone and Thor Goff. During the discussion, Sheets made a second motion and then retracted the motion after more clarification of the first motion.

COMMUNICATION: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: Discussion on the meeting with John Larsen for the opening of Cemetery Sexton, since Eric Fernilius will be leaving the position.
- Parks: No report.
- Building and Grounds: No report.
- Fire Department: No report.
- Township Roads: No report.
- Community Activities: No report..
- Finance: No report.
- Personnel: No report.
- Policy: No report.
- ZBA: No report.
- Blight: Sheets reported nothing new.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Rebecca S. Koteskey; Specialist with NW Michigan Invasive Species Network of Grand Traverse Conservation District reported on invasive species in the area and gave pamphlets on how to avoid bringing them into our landscapes. An example of an invasive species ordinance was also presented.
- Jane Perrino and Tad Peacock from the Benzie Conservation District gave a presentation on Aquatic Invasive Species Pathways Project.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion by Barnard to adjourn, supported by Sheets.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:51pm.

Submitted by:

Karin L. Miner,
Recording Secretary

Diana L. Heller,
Township Clerk

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- 4 Budget resolutions approved
- Board of Review went well for 2 days
- Medical Marijuana Ordinance approved
- John Larsen hired as new Cemetery Sexton
- Rebecca S. Koteskey from NW Michigan report on invasive species
- Jane Perrino and Tad Peacock from the Benzie Conservation District gave presentation on aquatic invasive species.