

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Approved:

REGULAR MEETING,

December 12, 2018

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

Present: Barnard, Burns, Priest, Heller, Sheets.

Absent:

Guests: Thor Goff

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Burns to approve the minutes from the Regular board meeting November 14th 2018 Sheets supported. All Ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Burns gave report, Priest made a motion to accept Treasurer's report. Burns supported. Motion passed.

CLERKS'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 November for both accounts. Priest made motion to accept clerks report, Sheets supported. Roll call Vote: Burns Yes, Barnard yes, Heller yes, Priest yes, Sheets yes.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

1. Report about proposed Bill passing in legislature concerning speed limits being lowered on gravel rds. Townships having the right to drop the speed limit.
2. Discussion on need for new Fire Hall. On going discussion with the possibility of hiring Jim Clark, (Comercial Arcitect) for preliminary planning.
3. Discussion about The December Meeting of the Board of Reviews & concerns of obtaining future members due to retirements.

Discussion about plans for new Fire Barn, public encouraged to attend those meetings. Burns made motion to Hire Jim Clark @a rate of \$50 per hr.for the preliminary work. Sheets second. Role call Vote taken: Burns yes, Sheets yes, Barnard yes, Heller yes, Priest yes. Motion approved.

STAFF REPORTS:

STAFF Present; Steve Adams, Geoff Miner.

1. FIRE CHIEF: Had 18 calls, 5 were for fire. Discussion on training, EMR class, pushed back to January, participation in Christmas parade.
2. Cemetery Sexton: No report.
3. Township Attorney: Discussion with attorney concerning old delinquent taxes being dissolved.
4. Commissioners Report: No Report.
5. Zoning Administrator: Report: 2 permits & 2 pending

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT :

*Three (3) minutes or limited by majority of the board. Agenda items only.

COMMUNICATION: None.

PENDING Business: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: No report
- Parks: No report.
- Building and Grounds: No report.
- Fire Department: No report.
- Township Roads: No report.

- Community Activities: Discussion on 2019 Clean up Days set for May 11, and August 17th. Possible Storage units being built off of Crystal Drive.
- Finance: No report.
- Personnel: No report.
- Policy: No report.
- ZBA: No Report.
- Blight: Jim Sheets called resident concerning Blight on Homestead Rd. (during the meeting), no response. Burns suggested giving resident until January 2019 to respond, before calling attorney.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion by Sheets to adjourn, supported by Barnard.
Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

Submitted by:

Cindy L. Sanford
Recording Secretary

Diana L. Heller,
Township Clerk

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Discussion on New Fire Barn. Jim Clark will be hired for preliminary planning of project.
- Attorney taking care of old delinquent taxes.
- Resident was called during meeting concerning on-going problem with blight, no response.