

# BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

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## Approved

REGULAR MEETING,

May 9th, 2018

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

Present: Barnard, Sheets, Burns, Priest  
Absent: Heller; arrived 8 P.M.  
Guests: 2 guests in attendance; Judge John Mead and Matt Skeels.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Burns moved to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Priest.  
Motion by Sheets to approve the minutes from the Regular board meeting, April 11  
Barnard supported. All Ayes, motion carried.

Judge John Mead Introduced himself. Said he was running for re-election in August and stated he hoped to serve the county again.

TREASURERS REPORT: Burns gave report, Discussion on money being transferred.  
Burns made a motion to accept Treasure's report. Priest supported. Roll Call Vote; Priest, Barnard, Burns and Sheets. All Ayes.

### 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 April for both accounts.  
Heller reported R.J. Jordon submitted first bill. Flags for cemetery were ordered.  
Sheets made a motion to pay the bills for the month of April, supported by Priest. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Heller, yes; Barnard, yes; Sheets, yes; Priest, yes, Burns Yes. Motion carried.

### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

1. Discussion on Nye property, with power lines near park.
2. Easement must be drawn up for Nye property.
3. Discussion on Cameras at park.
4. Discussion on clean-up day, May 19 2018.
5. Discussion concerning Assessor's hours; see contract.
6. Discussion on "Assessing Services Contract for Benzonia Township" Proposal; Sheets moved to accept Contract Proposal, Heller supported. Roll Call Vote taken: Burns yes, Sheets Yes, Barnard yes, Heller yes, Priests yes.

### STAFF REPORTS:

STAFF Present; Steve Adams, Geoff Minor, and Cory Carland.

1. FIRE CHIEF: Steve Adams reported the fire department had 13 calls. Discussion on receiving money for training. Report on progress of Fire Recovery
2. CEMETERY SEXTON: No report.
3. TOWNSHIP ATTY: Not present.
4. COMM. REPORT: Discussion on Broad Band.
5. ZONING ADM: Barnard gave the report. Barnard will attend meeting concerning Medical Marijuana; 6 permits requested in April.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT : None

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

COMMUNICATION: BCRC brining of our roads .Sheets made a motion to accept Brining Contract as presented. Burns supported. Roll call vote Burns yes, Sheets yes, Heller yes, Priest yes, Barnard yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: Opened on April 27.
- Parks: Picnic tables are being put out.
- Building and Grounds: No report.
- Fire Department: Still looking into Fire Recovery Service.
- Township Roads: Sheets moved to accept Brining Contract. Burns supported. Vote; Barnard yes, Sheets yes, Burns yes, Heller yes, Priest yes.
- Community Activities: Clean up day coming up, May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Finance: Annual audit going on now.
- Personnel: No report.
- Policy: No report.
- ZBA: No report.
- Blight: No response to letters to a citizen, so Sheets will contact lawyer. Discussion concerning no permits being issued as of yet, for a citizen doing work on property.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sheets moved to adopt Language in Fire Protection Millage, Priest supported. Roll call vote: Barnard yes, Burns yes, Sheets yes, Heller yes, Priest yes.

2. Burns stated Cindy Sanford (Deputy Clerk) needs to sign all Signature Cards at Central State Bank.

34. Discussion on Blue Water Drive project with Matt Skeels; Burns made motion to do work on Blue Water Drive;

Sheets supported. Priest yes, Heller yes, Barnard yes, Burns yes, Sheets yes.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Motion by Sheets to adjourn, supported by Priest  
Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 9:15 P.M.

Submitted by:

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Cindy L. Sanford  
Recording Secretary

Diana L. Heller,  
Township Clerk

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**:

- Discussion on Road repairs.
- Discussion on putting information in News letter
- Brining Contract-2018-approved.
- Fire Millage – motion approved.
- Assessors Contract – motion approved.
- Blue Water Drive-motion approved