

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Approved

REGULAR MEETING,

June 13, 2018

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

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

Absent:

Guests: 3 guest; Geoff Miner, Joe Crowthers, Jack O'Malley

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sheets moved to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Heller. All Ayes.
Motion by Priest to approve the minutes from the Regular board meeting, May 9th.
Sheets supported. All Ayes, motion carried.

Jack O'Malley introduced himself. Said he was running for Republican State Representative.

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

Discussion on Audit of April, Clean up day, Tractor repair, Physicals given for fire Dept.
Sheets made a motion to pay the bills for the month of April, supported by Burns. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Heller, yes; Barnard, yes; Sheets, yes; Priest, yes, Burns Yes. Motion carried.

Discussion on Sexton's bill, New voting Machine and training, Discussion on Certification for working Election.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

1. Discussion on agreement of consumers Power& permanent easement concerning Nye property on Grace Rd. Sheets moved to sign agreement; Burns supported.
Roll call vote: Sheets yes, Burns yes, Heller yes, Priest yes, Barnard yes. Motion carried.
2. Discussion Dog Park video; who should have access.
3. Discussion on clean-up day, August 11, 2018.

STAFF REPORTS:

STAFF Present; Geoff Minor,

1. FIRE CHIEF: discussion Fire equipment quotes, 4 radios pd for. Not enough for entire Department. Sheets stated: he would like to delve into cost a little more.
2. CEMETERY SEXTON: Discussion on work being done to fix leaks, some wood chipping may need to be done. Discussion on getting Alan Hawkins to do some stump grinding if necessary.

3. TOWNSHIP ATTY: Not present.
4. COMM. REPORT: No Discussion
5. ZONING ADM: Barnard gave the report., 18 permits so far, 2 in platte, 16 in Benzonia township.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT : None

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

COMMUNICATION:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: none given.
- Parks: Discussion about Gillison donation of improving parking lot.
- Building and Grounds: No report.
- Fire Department: No report.
- Township Roads: Signs going up on M-22 concerning no Large trucks New maps on current Road projects.
- Community Activities: Clean up day coming up August 11.
- Finance: Discussion on Blue Water Drive. Burns made a motion to transfer money to work on Blue water Drive. Priest supported. Roll call vote: Burns yes, Heller yes, Barnard yes, Sheets yes, Priest yes.
- Discussion on Eden Hill property that is up0 for tax sale. Benzonia Township declined purchasing.
- Personnel: No report.
- Policy: No report.
- ZBA: No report.
- Blight: Sheets attending meeting on property on Homestead. Some type of legal action may be necessary.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion with Joe Crowthers on what can be done about speed limit on Higgins Rd.
2. Discussion concerning Mutual aid Agreement for Fire Dept. Sheets moved to decline, Burns seconded it. More information needed.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Karin Burns had questions about ditch behind Area 31; discussion followed.

Motion by Sheets to adjourn, supported by Burns.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

Submitted by:

Cindy L. Sanford
Recording Secretary

Diana L. Heller,
Township Clerk

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Discussion on Mutual Aid Agreement concerning Fire Dept.
- Discussion on Joe Crowther's concern over speed limit on Higgins Rd.
- Discussion on repair of leaks in faucets at Benzonia Township Cemetary; East & West side in need of work on removing brush; possibly some stump Grinding.
- Decline of offer of property on Eden Hill Rd.
- Visit from Jack O'Malley running for State Representative.
- Discussion on new voting machines, training & certification of workers.