

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Approved

REGULAR MEETING,

August, 8th 2018

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

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

Absent: None

Guests: 2 guests; Todd Putney, and Scott Weaver.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Burns to approve the minutes from the Regular board meeting July 11, 2018, Priest supported. All Ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Burns gave report, Diana made a motion to accept Treasurer's report. Sheila supported. 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 July for both accounts. Priest made motion to accept clerks report. Sheets supported. Roll call Vote: Sheets yes, Burns Yes, Barnard yes, Heller yes, Priest yes.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

1. Discussion on Blue Water Drive including bottom culvert needing a lot of work and discussion on Road commission and township sharing additional cost.

Burns made motion, Priest seconded to pay extra cost. Roll call Vote. Sheets yes, Burns yes,

Barnard yes, Heller yes, Priest yes.

2. Discussion on Road millage passing, Scott Fossil new Engineer.

3. Discussion on Nye property on Grace Rd. and Consumers power planning to remove two trees

in Memorial Park in order to hook up electricity.

Barnard proposing we do this, Sheets made motion, Priest second. Roll call Vote. Sheets yes

Burns yes, Barnard yes, Heller yes, Priest yes.

4. Discussion on motion sensor lights put on a couple of polls at Memorial Park.

5. Discussion on M-Dot planning to put in new sidewalks from U.S. 115 to Love Rd & Grace Rd

0 oOn both sides of U.S. 31. At no cost to township, found money from M.dot.

STAFF REPORTS:

STAFF Present; Geoff Minor, Cory Carland,

1. FIRE CHIEF: Not Present.

2. Cemetery Sexton: Not Present.

3. Township Attorney: Not Present.

4. Commissioners Report: Cory gave report. Still working on Broad Band.

5. Zoning Administrator Report: 4 permits issues, 4 pending.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT :

*Three (3) minutes or limited by majority of the board. Agenda items only.
Brief discussion on Maples working staff long shifts due to shortage of staff.

COMMUNICATION: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: discussed meeting with Alan Hawkins on stump removal. Sheets discussed planting trees at Cemetery. Discussion on artificial flowers at cemetery looking tacky, and when and who removes them. New lock and chain on cemetery gate and new lock on vault.
- Parks: Discussion on donations for walking trail, planting trees at the Memorial Park.
- Fire Department: No report.
- Township Roads: No report.
- Community Activities: No report.
- Finance: special meeting on taxation hearing, 7 P.M., Sept 12th, 2018
- Personnel: No report.
- Policy: No report.
- ZBA: No report.
- Blight:
- NEW BUSINESS:

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Discussion with Todd Putney on Business on Love Road, near U-Pick Berry Farm, possibly in violation of permits, possible contamination in Betsie River Watershed, no holding area for oil. Jason looking into the matter.

Motion by Sheets to adjourn, supported by Barnard.
Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:40 P.M.

Submitted by:

Cindy L. Sanford
Recording Secretary

Diana L. Heller,
Township Clerk

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Discussion on business on Love Rd and possible permits violations.
- Discussion on Consumers Power plans to remove 2 trees at Memorial Park.
- Discussion on Blue Water Project and condition of lower culvert.
- Discussion on donations for walking trail at Memorial Park.