

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Approved

REGULAR MEETING,

September 12, 2018

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

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

Absent: None

Guests: 5 guests present Mitch Deitech (Benzie County Administrator), Jane Perrino, Tad Peacock, Joe Obruba & Denise Fiegel.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Sheets to approve the minutes from the Regular board meeting August 8th, 2018. Burns supported. All Ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

1. Discussion about complaint on work being done on Blue Water Drive.
2. Discussion on light being installed at Memorial Park.
3. Discussion on Nye property on Grace Rd, trees have been removed.
4. Discussion on Walking trail including donations being made and a large pile of gravel being donated by Gillisons.
5. Discussion on Pavilion planned near the Veterans Memorial in the park.
6. Discussion on Digital signs not being allowed in the Township & concern about the digital sign at Eden Church.

STAFF REPORTS:

STAFF Present; Cory Carland, Steve Adams.

1. FIRE CHIEF: Had 15 calls, Discussion on training session with Almira Township fire dept. & Radio training set up.
2. Cemetery Sexton: No report.
3. Township Attorney: No report.
4. Commissioners Report: Cory gave report.
5. Zoning Administrator Report: 36 permits issued this year, 4 were from Platte.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT :

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

1. Brief discussion on Resurfacing being done on U.S. 31 from 115(W) to Grace and Love Rd. in 2020.

COMMUNICATION: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: Comments on how nice the cemetery is looking after removal of faded artificial flowers, brush and dead plants.
- Parks: Discussion on donations for walking trail, planting trees at the Memorial Park.
- Fire Department: No report.
- Township Roads: No report.
- Community Activities: 1) Discussion on news letter proposed by CLWA and possibility of inserting copy in the winter/spring tax bill.
- 2) Discussion on River Rd. traffic from fishermen & boats w/motors coming up the River.
- Finance: No report.
- Personnel: No report.
- Policy: No report.
- ZBA: Discussion on public hearing scheduled Sept. 27th 2018
- Blight: No Report.
- NEW BUSINESS:
 1. Discussion on Water ways in Benzie, Manistee, Leelanau & Traverse City & invasive species.
 2. A Motion to levy the maximum millage allowed for the winter tax, 2018 year as stated on the form, L4029. Motion made by Diana Heller, seconded by Karen Burns. Roll call vote taken. Sheets: yes, Burns: yes, Barnard: yes, Heller: yes, Priest: yes. Motion passed.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Discussion with Joe Obruba concerning parking issues on U.S. 31 in front of The Road House, caution light not working on Grace Rd. and 31, and possibility of light at the intersection of Grace Rd, Love Rd, and 31 going forward.
- Discussion with Denise Fiegel concerning Bridge traffic on U.S. 31 by fisherman, parking issues at the bridge, speed limit sign missing in the area.

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 with Benzie Conservation District concerning Water Ways.
- Discussion on Truth and Taxation motion for the 2018 – 2019 tax year.
- Discussion on road work from 115(W) to Grace and Love RD to take place in 2020.
- Discussion with Joe Obruba and Denise Feagle concerning safety issues on U.S. 31 near Grace Rd/Love Rd & 31 and the Bridge on Betsie River.