

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Approved

REGULAR MEETING,

November 14, 2018

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

Present: Barnard, Burns, Priest, Heller.

Absent: Sheets.

Guests: Scott Weaver, Bill Kennis.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Burns moved to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Priest. All Ayes.
Motion by Priest to approve the minutes from the Regular board meeting October 10, 2018. Burns 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 October for both accounts. Priest made motion to accept clerks report. Burns supported. Roll call Vote: Burns Yes, Barnard yes, Heller yes, Priest yes.

Bill Kennis gave the annual report for Benzie Bus.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

1. Discussion about work on Blue Water Drive being completed, & residents satisfied with Road Commission work.
2. Discussion on need for new Fire Hall. On going discussion & meeting to be set for next week with Steve Adams.

STAFF REPORTS:

STAFF Present; Steve Adams, Corey Carland, Geoff Miner.

1. FIRE CHIEF: Had 31 calls for fire & 17 for Medical. Discussion on annual testing for ladders & pumps went well in October. Rescue training set for December 1st, including planning a burn of a house on Joyfield Rd as part of training.
2. Cemetery Sexton: No report.
3. Township Attorney: No report.
4. Commissioners Report: Discussion on 2 new commissioners coming on board. Both Frankfort & Benzie Schools received Grants for School safety issues since the primary.
5. Zoning Administrator Report: 46 permits issued this year, with a few pending. Discussion on 2 applications for Marijuana.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT :

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

1. Discussion on applying for Grants for new Fire Hall.

COMMUNICATION: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: No Report
- Parks: New playground equipment being planned & fund raiser for playground and walking trail being planned.
- Fire Department: No report.
- Township Roads: No report.
- Community Activities: Discussion on News letter Karen Burns is sending out next week. & Diana Heller updating website.

- Finance: No report.
- Personnel: No report.
- Policy: No report.
- ZBA: No Report.
- Blight: Discussion about Blight on Bixler Rd.
- NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion on both Library Trustees. Heller made motion to appoint 1 trustee per Library. Priest supported. Roll Call Vote: Burns yes, Barnard yes, Heller yes, Priest yes.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion by Burns to adjourn, supported by Heller.
Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Submitted by:

Cindy L. Sanford
Recording Secretary

Diana L. Heller,
Township Clerk

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Discussion on appointment of Trustees for both Libraries.
- Discussion on Fire Dept. planning rescue training including burn of house on Joyfield Rd.
- Annual Report from Bill Kennis on Benzie Bus.