

# BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

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## Approved

REGULAR MEETING,

February 13, 2019

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Barnard at 7:40PM.

Present: Barnard, Burns, Priest, Sheets.

Absent: Heller

Guests: 8

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sheets moved to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Priest. All Ayes. Motion by Priest to approve the minutes from the Regular board meeting January 9th, 2019 and the special meetings of January 16<sup>th</sup> & January 23<sup>rd</sup>, Burns supported. All Ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Burns gave report, Priest made a motion to accept Treasurer's report. Sheets supported. Roll call vote: Sheets yes, Burns yes, Barnard yes, Priest yes. Motion passed.

### CLERKS'S REPORT:

The Deputy clerk presented a Profit and Loss statement for both the General and Fire Funds and a list of Accounts Payable for the month of January for both accounts. Burns made motion to hold clerks report until Diana Heller was here, Priests supported.

### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

1. Report on meeting to discuss new fire hall, February 18<sup>th</sup> 2019. Jim Clark is working on second drawing proposal.
2. Discussion on new wording of "Poverty Guidelines" to use the word "Hardship". No changes to the guidelines.
3. Discussion about Board of review meetings coming up..
4. Brief discussion Road Commission meeting and recommendation of repairs to Love Rd.

### STAFF REPORTS:

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

1. FIRE CHIEF: Had 21 calls. Discussion on training classes being set in Arcadia.
2. Cemetery Sexton: No report.
3. Township Attorney: No report.

4. Commissioners Report: Brief Discussion about water projects for Benzonia & Beulah.
5. Zoning Administrator: Reported 1 Permit issued so far this year. 3 pending.

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT :**

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

1. Trevor Wisniewski, President of GREAT LAKES NATURAL REMEDIES gave overview of new Marijuana facility opening in Benzie County, addressed questions and concerns from public.

Permit issued to the company.

2. Matt Olsen discussed the need for a new Elementary School to replace Crystal Lake Elementary School, as the current school was built in the 50s and needs upgrading. Seeking 30 year bond.

**COMMUNICATION:** None.

**PENDING Business:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Cemetery: No report
- Parks: New Park Employee needed & discussion with Lenny Merrill concerning stump grinding in the park.
- Building and Grounds: No report.
- Fire Department: No report.
- Township Roads: No report.
- Community Activities: No report.
- Finance: No report.
- Personal: No report.
- Policy: No report.
- ZBA: No report.
- Blight: 2 letters sent out to property owners

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

Motion by Sheets to adjourn, supported by Priest.  
Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 9:30 P.M.

Submitted by:

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Cindy L. Sanford  
Recording Secretary

Diana L. Heller,  
Township Clerk

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Discussion with Trevor Wisniewski on new Marijuana facility planned.
- Permit issued to GREAT LAKES NATURAL REMEDIES.
- Discussion with Matt Olsen concerning a Bond to build a new Elementary School.
- Discussion on the need for a new Park Employee.