

# BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

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## Approved

REGULAR MEETING,

March 13, 2019

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

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

Absent: None.

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 February 13th, 2019 and the special meeting of February 28th, Sheets supported. All Ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Burns gave report, Priest made a motion to accept Treasurer's report. Sheets 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 February for both accounts. Burns made motion to approve the report & pay the bills. Priests supported. Roll call vote. Sheets yes, Burns yes, Barnard yes, Heller yes, Priest yes.

Four Budget Resolutions were voted on as follows:

a) 2019-2020 budget: Burns moved to approve, Priest supported. Roll call vote: Sheets yes, Burns yes, Barnard yes, Heller yes, Priest yes. Budget approved.

b) Treasure; invest funds: Burns made a motion to approve, Sheets supported. Roll call vote: Sheets yes, Burns yes, Barnard yes, Heller yes, Priest yes. Motion carried.

c) 2019-2020 wage scale: Sheets moved to approve Priest supported. Roll call vote: Sheets yes, Burns yes, Barnard yes, Heller yes, Priest yes. Wage scale approved.

d) 2019-2020 meeting schedule: Priest moved to accept, Burns supported. Roll call vote: Sheets yes, Burns yes, Barnard yes, Heller yes, Priest yes. Meeting schedule approved.

### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

1. Report on Board of Review; finished their deliberations; had 29 petitions.
2. Discussion on BCRC doing work on Bacon Mills, Walker Street & Holiday Ct. Sheets moved to do the work, Burns supported. Roll call vote: Sheets yes, Burns yes, Barnard yes, Heller yes, Priest yes.

3. Discussion about Benzie Conservation District wanting new proposal. They would like to see \$2000 a year for three years.
4. Brief discussion on Fire Barn meeting, Monday March 18<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 12 noon. Jim Clark will have another drawing on proposed plans.

STAFF REPORTS:

STAFF Present; Steve Adams, Geoff Miner, Rhonda Nye.

1. FIRE CHIEF: Had 27 calls. 7 for fire, 20 for medical. Brief discussion on upcoming training & switching radios over to portable.
2. Cemetery Sexton: No report.
3. Township Attorney: No report.
4. Commissioners Report: Rhonda Nye introduced herself as new Commissioner. Brief discussion about what she has been doing since appointed.
5. Zoning Administrator: Reported 2 Permits issued so far this year. Brief discussion on West Benzie Joint Planning commission to meet April 4<sup>th</sup>, discussion on Solar ordinance & industrial property.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT : None.

COMMUNICATION: None.

PENDING Business: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: No report. Sheets suggested we get bids on tree planting and stated we need a variety for the cemetery.
- Parks: No report.
- Building and Grounds: No report.
- Fire Department: No report.
- Township Roads: Local Rd meeting, Elmers to do work on all road projects.
- Community Activities: No report.
- Finance: No report.
- Personal: People for cleaning township offices recommended. Burns made a motion to hire an applicant, Sheets supported. Roll call vote: Sheets yes, Burns yes, Barnard yes, Heller yes, Priest yes. Burns also recommended letters be sent to those individuals who did not get the job.
- Policy: No report.
- ZBA: No report.
- Blight: 3 letters sent out to property owners

NEW BUSINESS: None.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

1) Mike Callton gave discussion on Micro Medical Marijuana business (Tranquility Farms).

Will be on the agenda for April 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 meeting.

2) Citizens gave discussion against Marijuana, and Benzonia Township opting in for sales in the township.

3) Discussion on water shed run off & invasive species.

Motion by Sheets to adjourn, supported by Priest.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:33 P.M.

Submitted by:

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Cindy L. Sanford  
Recording Secretary

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Diana L. Heller,  
Township Clerk

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Discussion with Mike Calton concerning Micro Medical Marijuana Business (Tranquility Farms).
- Rhonda Nye introduced herself as new commissioner.
- Discussion with citizens against Marijuana and the township opting in for sales.
- Budget Resolutions passed for the 2019-2020 year.
- New cleaning person hired for the township office.