

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Approved

REGULAR MEETING,

May 8th, 2019

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

Present: Barnard, Priest, Sheets, Burns.

Absent: Heller.

Staff: Commissioner Rhonda Nye, Steve Adams, and Geoff Miner.

Guests: 2

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 April 10th, 2019 and the special meeting of April 1st, Sheets supported. All Ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Burns gave report with brief discussion on commitments that need to be paid. Priest made motion to approve Report, Sheets supported. All Ayes. Motion carried.

CLERKS'S REPORT:

The deputy Clerk & Treasurer presented a Profit and Loss statement for both the General and Fire Funds and a list of Accounts Payable for the month of April for both accounts. Burns made motion to approve the report & pay the bills. Priest supported. Roll call vote. Sheets yes, Barnard yes, Burns yes, Priest yes.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

1. Bill was submitted for Asbestos Abatement, with discussion. Burns made motion to pay the bill, Priest supported. Roll call vote: Sheets yes, Burns yes, Barnard yes, Priest Yes.
2. Discussion on Benzie Conservation District, asking for \$2500.00 per year for three years from the township. Burns made motion to pay the District, Sheets supported. Roll call vote: Sheets yes, Burns yes, Barnard yes, Priest yes.
3. Discussion on Consumers Energy & lights that are maintained. Resolution needed: Will wait for Diana's return, and call special meeting.
4. Discussion on problems at the Dog Park and the need for 1 more camera.
5. Brief Discussion on trees cut, stumps ground at the Memorial park, & how nice the Park is looking.
6. Brining Contract was presented with list of roads and costs. Burns made motion to sign Contract, Priest supported. Role call vote: Burns yes, Sheets yes, Priest yes, Barnard yes.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: Report given on 30 calls for the month of April, issues with new pagers, upcoming training for Ambulance drivers in May.

2. Cemetery Sexton: No Report.
3. Township Attorney: No report.
4. Commissioners Report: Discussed projects going on in the County, upcoming meetings, dialogue about Broad Band still going on.
5. Zoning Administrator: Reported 25 permits to date, 5 pending.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT : 2 guests from the The Crystal Lake Watershed Overlay introduced themselves & stated the need for communication about issues.

COMMUNICATION: None.

PENDING Business: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: Spring Cleaning going on.
- Parks: No report.
- Building and Grounds: No report.
- Fire Department: No report.
- Township Roads: No report.
- Community Activities: May 18th clean up day for township.
- Finance: No report.
- Personal: No report.
- Policy: No report.
- ZBA:
- Blight: Continue to call residents.

NEW BUSINESS:

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Submitted by:

Cindy L. Sanford
Recording Secretary

Diana L. Heller,
Township Clerk

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Rhonda Nye gave brief discussion, concerning issues she is working on.
- Discussion on Asbestos Abatement.
- Clean up day set for May 18th. 2019.
- Brining contract discussed.
- Discussion on problems with the Dog park & need for another camera.
- Benzie Conservation commitment discussed.
- Guest from Crystal Lake Watershed Overlay introduced themselves & gave brief discussion on concerns and the need for communication with residents.