

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP  
1020 Michigan Ave./ PO Box 224  
Benzonia, MI 49616  
May 14, 2019

SPECIAL MEETING

**Approved**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Jason Barnard. Those present included Board members Burns, Sheets, Barnard, Priest and Heller. Guests present were Steve Adams and Thor Goff. Purpose of the meeting was read: "The purpose of this meeting is to discuss property on which to build a new fire barn/facility and hiring a full-time fire chief.

First Discussion: Purchasing property.

Karen Burns presented proposals for two addresses in Benzonia Township being considered: 2717 Benzie Hwy. and 2683 Benzie Hwy. Two parcels adjacent to each other. She gave the Board information on both properties, including prices and owner history. It was decided to get legal advice from our attorney, Figura Law Office and proceed from there. Jason will meet with them today.

Second Issue - Fire Chief: We are considering Steve Adams, our part-time fire chief for the full time position. We discussed salary, duty pay and benefits and how we would pay for them in our current budget. Right now the thinking is to take the money out of the equipment fund until we get a revenue stream to cover the amounts. It was decided to talk with our attorney on how best to advance with this issue.

We are considering a salary of \$69,000.00, plus duty pay, plus a medical stipend of \$9600.00 per year. Nothing permanent has been decided as of now.

Barnard asked that the brining contract be signed by the clerk and returned as it had been approved at the last Board meeting.

Also the asbestos abatement agreement on the Joyfield house burn needed to be signed and sent,

Jason brought up the CMS agreement on the street lighting in the township for the Clinic, School and the GT Band. Sheets made a motion for us to enter into a 5 year agreement with CMS for the highway street lighting. Priest seconded it, Burns, yes; Barnard, yes;; Priest, yes; Heller, yes. Sheets, yes.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:12pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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Diana L Heller, Clerk  
5/14/2019