

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Approved

REGULAR MEETING,

June 12th, 2019

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

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

Absent: None.

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

Guests: 5

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 May 8th, 2019 and the special meeting of May 14th, Burns supported. All Ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Burns gave report. Burns made a motion to amend the 2019-2020 budget as follows: Move \$40,000.00 from General fund 101-880 community Promotion to General fund 299-882 Basin \$25,500.00; 299-884 Township Clean-up \$12,000.00; 299-886 Conservancy \$25,00.00. This will reduce Community Promotions to \$0.00 and create line items specific to our promotions Priest supported. Roll Call Vote: Sheets yes, Burns yes, Barnard yes, Heller yes and Priest yes. 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 May for both accounts. Priest made motion to approve the report & pay the bills. Sheets supported. Roll call vote. Sheets yes, Barnard yes, Burns yes, Priest yes, Heller yes.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

1. Discussion on meeting with Almira fire Dept.
2. We have received application for fireworks permit (Jason forwarded to Attorney.)
3. Discussion on planning committee meeting set for June 13, 2019

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: Report given on 26 calls for the month of May, 8 for Fire, Physicals were given to all employees.
2. Cemetery Sexton: 6 Burials, Trash has been picked up from winter. Trees trimmed.
3. Township Attorney: No report.
4. Commissioners Report: Rhonda Nye gave brief discussion, concerning issues she is working on. Broadband interviews, Jail needs employees, and Rolling Thunder Coming through our area on June 15th.

5. Zoning Administrator: Reported 28 permits to date, Public hearing July 8th with Planning Commission – possibly rezoning industrial property North of U.S.31; and Solar ordinance in the works, planning for all approved by the fall.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT : None.

COMMUNICATION: None.

PENDING Business: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: No report.
- Parks: Elizabeth Calcutt Presented the Benzie Co. Joint Recreation Plan Proposal. Discussion on how it impacts Benzonia Township.
- 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: Continue to call residents. Presented two letters to residents, moving to legal actions.

NEW BUSINESS:

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Sheets made motion to accept letter of intent concerning property the Township is looking at for the new Fire Hall. Priest second. Roll call vote: Sheets yes Burns abstained, Barnard yes, Heller Yes, and Priest Yes.
2. Three women discussed Dog park and the need for separation from more aggressive dogs and small dogs. Discussed going to Park meeting on Tuesday, June 18th.

Motion by Sheets to adjourn, supported by Priest.
Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:55 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. Broadband interviews, Jail needs employees, and Rolling thunder coming through our area on June 15th.
- Guest Elizabeth Calcutt gave presentation on Park proposal.
- Ladies discussing Dog park issues, and wanting to separate aggressive dogs from smaller, milder dogs.
- Looking at property for New Fire Station.
- Blight Officer – Legal action.