

# BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

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## Approved

REGULAR MEETING,

July 10, 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 R.J. Jordan.

Guests: 1

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 June 12th, 2019, Burns supported. All Ayes, motion carried.

Barb Mort from Benzie Area Historical Museum, discussed "Ghost" Tour in the cemetery for Sept. 27 & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

TREASURERS REPORT: Burns gave report. Discussion on investing money and using FDIC institutions. Sheets moved to accept report, Priests 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 June for both accounts. Sheets made motion to approve the report & pay the bills. Burns supported. Roll call vote. Sheets yes, Barnard yes, Burns yes, Priest yes, Heller yes.

### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

1. Discussion on July Board of Review on Monday July 15th.
2. Discussion about Land Tables & the need for cleanup.

### STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: Report given on 39 calls for the month of June, 13 for Fire, Brief discussion on smoke alarms, & the Fire Dept. possibly giving some away.
2. Cemetery Sexton: 13 total Burials, Trash has been picked up from winter. Still dealing with plastic and styrofoam garbage. Discussion on the need for new ordinance for cemetery.
3. Township Attorney: No report.
4. Commissioners Report: Rhonda Nye gave brief discussion, concerning issues she is working on; including MDOT having meeting here at the township on July 25<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7. And a "master plan" for 2020, for the village on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at Mills Community House from 5-7.
5. Zoning Administrator: Reported 31 permits to date,

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMUNICATION: Thank You card from Benzie Conservation District.

PENDING Business: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: No report.
- Parks: No Report.
- Building and Grounds: No report.
- Fire Department: No report.
- Township Roads: No report.
- Community Activities: Clean up day coming August 10th.
- Finance: No report.
- Personal: No report.
- Policy: No report.
- ZBA: No report
- Blight: Begin legal actions with resident on Homestead Rd. The Hill property.
- New Business: Discussed possibility of buying computer repair time by the block rather than by the hour. Sheets proposed we accept this, Priest second. Roll Call Vote. Sheets yes, Burns yes, Barnard yes, Heller yes, Priest yes.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Motion by Sheets to adjourn, supported by Priest.  
Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:29 P.M.

Submitted by:

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Cindy L. Sanford  
Recording Secretary

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Diana L. Heller,  
Township Clerk

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Rhonda Nye gave brief discussion, concerning issues she is working on, MDOT meeting, Master Plan 2020 for Village of Benzonia meeting, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Benzie County is 150 years old this year.
- Guest Barb Mort from Benzie Area Historical Museum, discussed Ghost Tour, Benzonia cemetery
- Blight Officer –Begin Legal action on the Hill Property on Homestead Rd.
- Buying Block of Computer Repair time; Accucomp Computers.