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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
July 25, 2019

Approved

Special meeting called to order at 10:07am by Supervisor Jason Barnard. The Clerk read the purpose for the special meeting as posted. All Board members were present.

The Supervisor has been in touch with our township attorney, Figura Law and they recommended we adopt an opt-out ordinance to help us through until the state can complete their work on this issue. Jason said he would work with the attorneys on this so we can proceed at the August meeting.

Supervisor Barnard recommended that we need to act on the Benzie County Joint Recreation Plan Proposal presented at our July Board meeting by Networks Northwest. Approval of this proposal would enrich Benzonia Township in many ways. Trustee Jim Sheets made a motion to approve the submitted agreement with Networks Northwest to update our recreation plan and not to exceed \$2,000.00. Supported by Karen Burns. Roll call vote: Sheets, Yes, Burns, Yes; Priest, Yes; Barnard, Yes; Heller: Yes. Motion passed.

Supervisor Barnard presented a draft of the contract being offered Steve Adams as our new Fire Chief. After much discussion it was decided to offer Steve the same medical benefit, we offer the Trustees. Jason will include that items in the next draft and make sure the entire Board receives a copy.

Supervisor Barnard addressed the problem of our aging fire engine 1. He showed us pictures and gave us information on repairing it. We discussed the repair and the ramifications of just leaving it as is. A motion was made by Jim Sheets to repair engine 1 (our pumping unit) up to the amount of \$40,000.00. Sheila seconded it. A roll call vote was taken and all saying yea, passed the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50am

Diana L. Heller, Township Clerk