

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Approved

REGULAR MEETING,

August 14th, 2019

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Barnard at 7:34 PM.

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

Absent: None.

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

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 July 25th, 2019, Burns supported. All Ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Burns gave report. Priest made motion; Heller accepted. 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 July 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 hiring new fire chief. Sheets moved to accept Adam's contract for fire chief. Sheets moved to hire Steve Adams as new fire chief, Roll Call Vote. Sheets yes; Burns yes; Barnard yes, Heller yes; Priest yes.
2. Discussion about Land Tables & the need for cleanup.
3. Discussion on why the marijuana proposal petition was denied. He will set up a Special meeting on it.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: Report given on 19 calls for the month of June, 2019 ; 9 for Fire,
2. Cemetery Sexton: 14 total Burials, Need for top soil. Brief discussion about work people would like done and wanting township to pay for it.
3. Township Attorney: No report.
4. County Commissioners Report: Rhonda Nye gave brief report, concerning issues she is working on; including MDOT beginning road work in April of 2020. There is a need for Township personal to be hired?
5. Zoning Administrator: Reported 36 permits to date,

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMUNICATION: None.

PENDING Business: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: No report.
- Parks: No Report.
- Building and Grounds: No report.
- Fire Department: No report.
- Township Roads next Brineing authorization.
- Community Activities: Clean up day went well for August.
- Finance: No report.
- Personal: Karen discussed the need for a Deputy Treasurer.
- Policy: No report.
- ZBA: No report
- Blight: will be taking legal action on the Hill property.
- New Business: Discussed resident doesn't feel a need for new township fire hall.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Motion by Sheets to adjourn, supported by Priest.
Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:38 P.M.

Submitted by:

Cindy L. Sanford
Recording Secretary

Diana L. Heller,
Township Clerk

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Rhonda Nye, Our Co. Comm. gave brief report, concerning issues she is working on, including, MDOT planning to begin work on U.S.. 31 in April of 2020
- Marijuana proposal petition denied space on November's ballot.
- Hiring of new personal for Benzonia Township.