

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Approved

REGULAR MEETING,

Sept. 11, 2019

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

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

Absent: None.

Guests: 3

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 Aug. 14th, 12th, and 29, 2019 meetings. ,
Supported by Sheets.. All Ayes, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – EMC signage as a Special Land Use: Supervisor Barnard explained the ordinance amendment before the Board. It was then opened up for public comment. Mary Hoyt, a Benzonია township resident was present and made some comment on the ordinance. Jim Sheets made a motion to close the public hearing, supported by Burns. Closed at 7:53pm.

TREASURERS REPORT: Burns gave report. Priest made motion; Burns 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 August for both accounts. Sheets made motion to approve the report & pay the bills. Priest supported, with the exception of Gillison Variety and Republic Waste. Roll call vote. Sheets yes, Barnard yes, Burns yes, Priest yes, Heller yes.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Scott Dianda from Tranquility Fields was introduced. He explained about his company and why they wanted to establish a business in our township. A list of roads to be paved by the County in 2020 and the dollars used was passed out. A discussion followed. It was decided that we needed a feasibility study on this and Supervisor Barnard will take care of it. Also, the supervisor commented on the notice in the newspaper of the blight Ordinance and the action on the Hill Property.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: Not present. There are two new probationary volunteer firemen: AJ and Ryan Merrill. Sheets made a motion to accept them as probationary workers, Priest supported. All ayes. Motion passed.

2. Cemetery Sexton: No report
3. Township Attorney: No report.
4. Commissioners Report: No report
5. Zoning Administrator: gave report

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMUNICATION: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: No report.
- Parks: Working on getting new playground equipment
- 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: Notice publicized in newspaper, then wait for 30 days for action.

NEW BUSINESS: Ed Hoogterp, Benzie County Drain Commissioner asked the township to support the Benzie Conservation District's "Cold Creek Restoration and Beulah Storm Water Runoff Reduction Project" and wanted us to consider a commitment of \$25,000.00 in match funding over the three-year period of 2021, 2022, 2023. Sheets made a motion to consider a commitment to support the project for \$25,000.00 over the three years indicated. After a discussion, Priest supported. A roll call vote with all Ayes. Motion passed.

TRUTH AND TAXATION MOTION: Burns made a motion to levy maximum millage allowed for the winter tax, 2019 year as stated on the form, L4029. Motion supported by Priest with all voting Aye, motion passed.

EMC (Electronic message center) signage: It was recommended to use the EMS ordinance as a special land use. Sheets made a motion to adopt the enclosed EMC ordinance as a special land use permit. Priest supported. A roll call vote with all voting AYE. Motion passed.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion by Sheets to adjourn, supported by Priest.
Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 9:38 P.M.

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, Clerk

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Public Hearing – EMC signage as a special Land Use.
- Tranquility Fields, Scott Dianda introduced the company wanting us open.
- Notice in newspaper, Blight Ordinance, Hill Property. 30 days .
- Two new probationary fire fighters approved.
- Benzie Co, Drain Comm. – discussion on the Conservation districts project, letter of consideration, \$25,000.00 over three years, 2021, 2022, 2023.
- Truth and Taxation levy approved.
- EMC ordinance approved.