

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Approved

REGULAR MEETING,

October 9, 2019

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Barnard at 7:00 PM.

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

Absent: None.

Guests: 2

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 Sept. 11, 2019 regular meeting and Special Meeting. 2019, Supported by Sheets. All Ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Burns gave report. Priest made motion to accept the report; Heller supported. Roll Call vote taken, 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 September, 2019 for both accounts. There was a discussion on the bill from Republic Waste for our Trash Day. Supervisor Barnard explained the problem and OK'd the amount. Burns made a motion to approve the report & pay the bills. Priest supported Roll call vote. Sheets yes, Barnard yes, Burns yes, Priest yes, Heller yes.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Welcomed Steve Adams as our new full-time fire chief. Fire Department will do a special burn December 8, 2019 with a back up date of 12/14, Fire Barn Committee met with the GT Band on possible collaboration with the township on planning for the new property. Report on the Plowman property. , Received a quote from Bluewater electric for electrical issues in the township & fire department. Decided the supervisor would order a porta potty for Memorial Park in view of the current state of the restrooms for the remainder of the season. Networks Northwest will be meeting with the Township concerning the recent Survey and the results.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: Department answered this month, 9 fire runs and 10 medical.
2. Cemetery Sexton: No report
3. Township Attorney: No report.

4. Commissioners Report: Rhonda Nye told us about the US Census, explained the county budget, and asked the board what we wanted her to take back to the County.

5. Zoning Administrator: reported he issued 49 permits with Platte Twp. year to date. Public Hearing to be held October 23, 2019 on the electronic sign ordinance. The supervisor presented to the Board an ordinance to Opt Out of the recreational marihuana establishments in Benzonia townships. (A copy of the ordinance, # 2019-1 is attached to these minutes) Sheets moved to adopt ordinance #2019-1 and Burns seconded it. A roll call vote was taken with all voting aye to the motion. Motion passed.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMUNICATION: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: No report.
- Parks: Getting bids on maintenance, report on disc golf course and comments on the rest rooms and the need for immediate porta-potty.
- Building and Grounds: No report.
- Fire Department: No report.
- Township Roads No report
- Community Activities: No report
- Finance: Burns presented budget amendments to both the fire fund and the general fund. These are need to pay for additional expenses in the fire department and in the park, including payroll. (the motions are attached to these minutes.) Motion to accept the budget amendments was made by Sheets supported by Priest. A roll call vote was taken with all voting aye. Motion passed.
- Personal: No report
- Policy: No report.
- ZBA: No report
- Blight: The amendments to the Blight and Civil Infraction ordinance are effective as of this meeting, October 9, 2019

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, October 10, 2019

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Welcomed full time fire chief, Steve Adams, Special burn, 12/8, or 12/14/19
- Opt Out Ordinance for Recreational Marihuana was passed.
- Budget amendments to general and fire department funds passed. Copies attached.
- Amendments to the Blight and Civil Infraction ordinance effective now.