

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Approved

REGULAR MEETING,

November 13, 2019

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Barnard at 7:30 PM.

Present: Barnard, Priest, Sheets, Burns and Heller

Absent: None.

Staff: Adams, Jordan, Nye

Guests: 4

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sheets moved to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Priest. All Ayes.

Motion by Sheets to approve the minutes from October 9, 2019 regular meeting

Supported by Burns. All Ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Burns gave report. Priest made motion to accept the report; Heller supported. Roll Call vote, 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 October, 2019 for both accounts. Priest made a motion to approve the report & pay the bills. Sheets supported. Roll call vote, all ayes.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Report on the Plowman & Brushaber properties. Bluewater electric finished work. Networks Northwest provided the Township with an update concerning the recent Survey and the results via email. Soil Boring estimate received of \$3500 for 3 locations including Old Platte, Cedar and Birch Trl. Split 2/3 Benzonias and 1/3 Lake. Burns made motion to Approve, up to \$2500, for soil borings, supported by Sheets. Roll call, all ayes. Estimate received for Love Road hill regrading of \$280,000. No action taken.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: Department answered this month, 8 fire runs and 23 medical. Live burn on 12/8/19. 3 people interested in joining dept.
2. Cemetery Sexton: 25 burials, cemetery closed for the year.
3. Township Attorney: No report.
4. Commissioners Report: Rhonda Nye told us about the 2 school resource officer programs, the raise the age campaign, concerns of public knowledge to the county budget, and asked the board what we wanted her to take back to the County.

5. Zoning Administrator: Issued 55 permits year to date. October 23, 2019 the electronic sign ordinance was passed. The ordinance to Opt Out of the recreational marihuana establishments in Benzonia townships will be effective December 5th, 2019.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

COMMUNICATION: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: porta potty removed prior to Halloween.
- Parks: park is closed, improvements to be addressed in spring. Dog park has a mini library installed by Finn McLaren for his Eagle Scout project. James Banasiak to plow dog park. Elizabeth from Networks Northwest provided report of their current project.
- Building and Grounds: Electrician to start on office lighting.
- Fire Department: No report.
- Township Roads No report
- Community Activities: No report
- Finance: No report
- Personnel: Brooke Haase
- Policy: No report.
- ZBA: 1 potential on Nichols Rd
- Blight: 2 properties to be followed up with after direction now that ordinance is in effect.

NEW BUSINESS:

Benzie Bus – Bill Kennis provided annual report

BACN – Grant application from the Tribal for \$15,000. Sheets made motion for the Twp to proceed with BACN in their application for a 2% grant from the GT Band. Roll call vote, all ayes.

Plowman/Brushaber property purchases. Sheets made motion to approve purchase.

Supported by Heller. Roll call, all ayes. Burns made motion to approve supervisor to sign the agreements once documents are finalized. Sheets supported. Roll call, all ayes.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion by Sheets to adjourn, supported by Burns.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, November 14, 2019

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Opt Out Ordinance for Recreational Marihuana is now effective.
- Electronic Sign Ordinance passed 10/23/2019
- BACN-\$15,000 grant from GT Band
- Plowman/Brushaber property purchase approved