

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Approved

REGULAR MEETING,

December 11, 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: 9

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Burns to approve the minutes from November 13th, 2019 regular meeting, supported by Priest. All Ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Burns gave report. Sheets made motion to accept the report; Burns 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 November, 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:

Matt Skeels from Road Commission spoke regarding Love Road hill regrading. He provided an estimate of \$4800 for the engineering to cut the hill. Report on the Plowman & Brushaber properties, resolution was requested by title company to grant Supervisor permission to sign closing documents. Karen motions to adopt, Priest supports, Roll Call: all ayes. Board of Review held Monday of this week. Tim Flynn to join Board of Review, training starts in February.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: Department answered this month, 6 fire runs and 14 medical. Fire Dept will be in the Christmas Magic parade downtown Beulah. The live structure burn was

- held 12/8/19 had 32 area firefighters participate.
2. Cemetery Sexton: cemetery closed for the year.
 3. Township Attorney: No report.
 4. Commissioners Report: Rhonda Nye confirmed Schendel will not rerun for Sheriff. Kyle Rosa will be running. No running mate announced. Union negotiations in progress and a hiring freeze is in place. Jail millage and Headley committees to be formed.
 5. Zoning Administrator: Issued 55 permits year to date, still a couple pending. February Planning Commission meetings main agenda is master plan update.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: Guest was referred to twp for safety conditions of rentals. Supervisor stated it is county construction code related.

COMMUNICATION: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: ideas to update the ordinance requested, such as rates and decorations
- Parks: No report
- Building and Grounds: No report
- Fire Department: Sheets motioned to accept 3 new probationary fire fighters. Priest supported. Roll Call; all ayes
- Township Roads: No report
- Community Activities: Clean up days for spring & summer are set.
- Finance: Burns made motion for a budget amendment to transfer funds for fire barn property purchase. Sheets supported. Roll Call; all ayes.
- Personnel: No report
- Policy: No report.
- ZBA: No report
- Blight: No report

NEW BUSINESS:

Heller made motion to accept bid for server upgrade. Priest supported. Roll call; all ayes
Sheets made motion to accept MRTMA Ordinance, Burns supported. Roll Call; all ayes

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion by Sheets to adjourn, supported by Burns.
Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:37 P.M.

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, December 12, 2019

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Motion for Budget amendment to purchase future fire barn property
- Resolution to purchase future fire barn property.
- Motion to accept as K. Putney, T. Sattler, A. Bragg as probationary firefighters.
- Accepted quote from Accucomp for server upgrades
- Ordinance for Recreational Marihuana passed