

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Approved

REGULAR MEETING,

February 12, 2020

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

Present: Barnard, Priest, Sheets, Burns and Heller

Absent: None.

Staff: Adams, Nye

Guests: 1

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 January 8th, 2020 regular meeting, the special meetings on January 14th & 28, 2020. supported by Sheets. All Ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Burns gave report. Priest made motion to accept the report; Sheets 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 January, 2020 for both accounts. Priest made a motion to approve the report & pay the bills. Sheets supported. Roll call vote, all ayes.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

The supervisor reported on progress with the Fire Barn Project. They are working with the GT Band on grants for the project. A report on the progress of the Hill property blight litigation.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: Gave a report for the month including the fire and medical calls..
2. Cemetery Sexton: No report, sexton will be working on the new ordinance with clerk
3. Township Attorney: No report.
4. Commissioners Report: Rhonda Nye reported on what the county is working on for the month of January.

5. Zoning Administrator: Barnard reported on the new permits issued with 3 pending permits and two possible variances is pending

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMUNICATION: The clerk reported on the election officials named for the Presidential Primary coming up on March 10, 2020. Seven Republicans and seven democrats. Public testing is February 25, 2020 at 10am.

Pending Business: Barnard discusses the rezoning of a portion of US 31, between Beulah and Honor. Sheets made a motion **to accept the Ordinance #2020-01** referring to this property. A copy of this ordinance is attached to the minutes. Priest supported. A roll call vote was taken with Burns abstaining. Barnard, Sheets, Heller & Priest- Aye, none apposed. Ordinance passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: Ordinance updating in progress
- Parks: No report
- Building and Grounds: No report
- Fire Department: No report
- Township Roads: No report
- Community Activities: No report
- Finance: No report
- Personnel: No report
- Policy: No report.
- ZBA: No report
- Blight: Report on Hill property – Legal action is in progress, Sheets reported
- NEW BUSINESS: None

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Motion by Sheets to adjourn, supported by Burns.
Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, February 12, 2020

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Supervisor reported on the latest from the Fire Barn Project.
- Clerk reported on the Presidential Primary, March 10, 2020
- Motion to accept Ordinance #2020-01, Rezoning a portion of US 31.

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, Clerk
2/12/2020