

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD

Approved:

REGULAR MEETING,

October 14, 2020

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Barnard at 7:02 PM.

Present: Barnard, Priest, Sheets, Burns and Heller

Absent: None.

Staff: Adams, Nye, Haase

Guest: none

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Sheets to approve agenda, Priest second. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Burns to approve the minutes from regular meeting September 9th, 2020, supported by Priest. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Burns gave report. Priest made a motion to accept the report with Sheets supporting, Roll Call vote, all ayes. Motion passed.

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, 2020 for both accounts. Priest made a motion to approve the report & pay the bills. Burns supported. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Barnard presented his report for September. Park to be closed end of October. Grant for pumper not available. Looking into other grants. Motion by Burns to proceed with ordering pumper from EV+ at 50% down payment option. Sheets second, Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Estimate received from Al Rose for tree and brush removal at cemetery. Motion by Burns to accept bid, Priest second. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: calls in September, 8 fire and 29 medical. YTD 364 total
2. Cemetery Sexton: Water to be shut off end of October.
3. Township Attorney: No report.

4. Commissioners Report: Rhonda Nye reported on what the county is working on for August and September.

5. Zoning Administrator: 42 permits and 3 pending. BACN rebuild and a couple minor special land use.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

COMMUNICATION: Thank you from the Benzie County Land Conservancy

Pending Business: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery:
- Parks: donations continue, would like one more box for Veterans memorial pavilion.
- Building and Grounds: No report
- Fire Department: No report, may try for GT Band 2% grant, committee will be meeting for the new building soon.
- Township Roads: milage meeting soon, Love Rd 2021
- Community Activities: winter newsletter in progress
- Finance: No report
- Personnel: No report
- Policy: No report
- ZBA: No report
- Blight: Report on Hill property awaiting hearing date; Narrow Gauge property, 2nd letter sent; Platte Road property reported as new blight sight. Benzie Hwy property being looked at as possible blight site.
- NEW BUSINESS: List of election workers sent to both parties. Judy Caris and Mary Peters will chair this November. Cottage Pros may have interest in assisting with Ice rink if weather permits.
- EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion by Sheets to adjourn, supported by Burns
Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, October 14, 2020

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Motion to order pumper truck

Motion for tree/brush removal at cemetery

Reported that Love Rd is on schedule for repaving 2021

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, Clerk