

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD

Approved:

REGULAR MEETING,

November 11, 2020

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

Present: Barnard, Priest, Sheets, Burns and Heller

Absent: None.

Staff: Adams, Nye, Jordan, Haase

Guest: 3

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 October 14th, 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 Heller supporting, Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Barnard presented his report for October. Park winterized and closed for the year. Pumper truck ordered. Tree and brush removal complete at the cemetery. Jason will be meeting BCRC & Village of Benzonias President to discuss snow removal options on 31 in front of township office. Discussed handicap spots being remarked. Fire barn committee to start meeting again. BACN requested assistance with applying for the GT Band 2% grant. Sheets made a motion, Supported by Burns. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. Discussed updating township website, estimates in process.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: calls in October, 8 fire and 31 medical. YTD 404 total

2. Cemetery Sexton: Water off & winterized. Sexton requests burials end Nov 1st each Year due to terrain and ice/snow makes for slick conditions. Motion by Sheets, Priest supported. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.
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: 47 permits and 3 pending.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMUNICATION: None

PENDING BUSINESS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: No report
- Parks: No report
- Building and Grounds: No report
- Fire Department: No report
- Township Roads: No report
- Community Activities: No report
- Finance: Budget amendments coming in December
- Personnel: No report
- Policy: No report
- ZBA: No report
- Blight: Speaking with attorney regarding Hill property hearing, awaiting builder inspector regarding Platte Rd property
- NEW BUSINESS: Chief Adams requesting a \$2000 per person stipend for each probationary volunteer that completes Firefighter 1 certification and proceeds to step 2 certification. Sheets made motion, Priest supported, roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.
- EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: A guest asked if there could be 3 handicap spaces put back in front of township building, mentioned empty buildings that could bring in revenue, and a couple that are an item of blight. Boy scout troop will be doing their Christmas tree sale this year at Area 31.

Motion by Sheets to adjourn, supported by Priest
Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:25P.M.

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, November 11, 2020

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

Motion to assist BACN with GT Band 2% grant

Motion to close cemetery to burials Nov 1st annually

Motion to provide stipend to Fire volunteers for step 1 certification and proceeding to step 2

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, Clerk