

# BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

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## **Approved**

REGULAR MEETING,

January 8<sup>th</sup> 2020

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

Present: Barnard, Priest, Sheets, Burns and Heller

Absent: None.

Staff: Adams

Guests: 8

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

TREASURERS REPORT: Burns gave report. Heller made motion to accept the report; Priest 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 December, 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:

According to the Benzie Co. Road Commission, Love Road is scheduled for paving and hill regrading, sometime in 2021.

The Supervisor reported that the Benzie Conservation District Invasive Species Grant is a go and we will need to budget our matching dollars in the new budget.

## STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: Department answered: 5 fire runs and 33 medical. Totals for 2019: 98 Fire and 250 medical.

2. Cemetery Sexton: No report, cemetery closed for the year.
3. Township Attorney: No report.
4. Commissioners Report: Rhonda Nye reported on the Maples bond-attorney opinion issued. Commission is in union negotiations with EMS. New chair for Board of Commissioners is Bob Roelofs and Evan Warsecki will remain as the vice-chair.
5. Zoning Administrator: Issued 57 permits year to date.

**“Public Meeting for Networks Northwest Joint Parks & Recreation”**

**January 8, 2020 at 7:55pm.**

Trustee Sheets made a motion to open the Special Public Meeting at 7:55pm, Treasurer Karen Burns supported. All voted to accept. Supervisor Jason Barnard opened the discussion on the Networks Northwest Joint Parks and Recreation master plan. Trustee Sheets made a motion to adopt a resolution for the Joint Parks and Recreation Mater Plan. Trustee Sheila Priest supported. A roll call vote was taken with all Board members, Jason Barnard, Karen Burns, Diana Heller, Sheila Priest and James Sheets, voting Aye. The public meeting was closed at 8:07pm.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMUNICATION: The Village of Benzonia told us about their Parks & Rec Draft Master Plan Public Meeting Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020 at 6:30pm

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 1 new probationary fire fighter. Priest supported. Roll Call; all ayes
- Township Roads: 2020 list- Saffron, Blohm, Mick, Ole White, Crawford and Forrester Rds
- Community Activities: No report
- Finance: The Warren Group has requested tax roll. This is a FOIA info and billable. Minimum fee confirmed of 1 hr rate of pay. Budget Meeting Tuesday January 14<sup>th</sup> @ 11a
- Personnel: No report
- Policy: No report.
- ZBA: No report
- Blight: Report on Hill property - Next step Circuit Court recommended by Township Attorney Figura, Burns motioned to proceed, Priest supported. Roll call: All ayes

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Undersheriff Kyle Rosa introduced himself as candidate for County Sheriff. He will be hosting a meet and greet at Greystone January 19<sup>th</sup> 2-5pm

Motion by Sheets to adjourn, supported by Burns.  
Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:40 P.M.

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, January 13, 2019

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Love Road scheduled for paving, 2021
- Public Meeting - Motion made for Joint Parks and Rec Master plan with Networks Northwest
- Benzie County Conservation District Invasive Species Grant
- Motion to accept Daniel Jerioski as probationary firefighter.
- FOIA request procedure – The Warren Group
- Motion made to continue blight process at Circuit Court for the Hill property