

# BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

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## **Approved**

REGULAR MEETING,

March 11, 2020

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

Present: Barnard, Priest, Sheets, Burns and Heller

Absent: None.

Staff: Adams, Nye

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sheets moved to approve the agenda with the addition under New Business of adoption of the 2020-2021 budget resolutions, supported by Priest. All Ayes.

Motion by Priest to approve the minutes from February 4<sup>th</sup> and 12th, 2020 meetings, supported by Burns. All Ayes, motion carried.

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

## SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

The supervisor reported on the Board of Review and new member Tim Flynn. He commented on the fire barn project and where it was going with the EMS and county. Jason presented a land survey quote from **Papineau PC, Land Surveys** on combining the two properties recently purchased by the Fire Department. Motion by Sheets that we accept the quote of items 1 & 2, Priest supported. All members voted Aye. 2 applications for conditional Marijuana licenses were presented. Applicants have met initial qualifications for applying and have 1 year to complete state requirements. **MOTION: Sheets made a motion to grant conditional Recreational licenses to Fresh Coast Provisions and Michigan Evergreen. Burns supported. Roll call vote with all members voting AYE, None, no.**

**STAFF REPORTS:**

1. FIRE CHIEF 39 calls in February, 8 fire and 31 medical. Steve said he would be meeting with the ISO Impact insurance on March 12, 2020.
2. Cemetery Sexton: No report.
3. Township Attorney: No report.
4. Commissioners Report: Rhonda Nye reported on what the county is working on for the month of Feb. She will be running for re-election this fall.
5. Zoning Administrator: 4 permits and currently reviewing the zoning fees with Lake Twp.

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**COMMUNICATION:** Clerk reminded everyone of filing for re-election if interested.

**Pending Business:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Cemetery: Ordinance updating in progress
- Parks: Burns reported on the progress of donation boxes at the park. The committee will meet soon on hiring another Park Maintenance person.
- 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 – still working through the legal red tape.
- **NEW BUSINESS:** Motions were made to accept four 2020 2021 budget resolutions. Attached to these minutes and in our resolution book.

**EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Motion by Sheets to adjourn, supported by Burns.  
Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:36 P.M.

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, March 12, 2020

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Papineau PC, Land Survey quote
- 2- conditional licenses for rec. marijuana, Fresh Coast Provisions & Michigan Evergreen.
- Budget Resolutions, 2020-2021 accepted.

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, Clerk  
3/12/2020