

# BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD

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Approved:

REGULAR MEETING,

June 10, 2020

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Barnard at our new meeting time: 7:00 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 as amended, supported by Priest. Roll call vote: All Ayes. Motion passed.

Motion by Burns to accept the minutes from May 13th, 2020, supported by Sheets. Roll call vote: All Ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Burns gave report. Priest made a 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 April 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:

Jason Barnard reported water issues at park continue to be looked in to. Porta Johns to be placed for interim. Push mower purchased for park. The 1<sup>st</sup> donation box almost completed. Clean up day was a success. Rosemary Naulty is writing USDA grant for fire truck. Fire Barn committee is on hold.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF : May calls 30: Medical 27 Fire 3, YTD 168. Chief Adams would like to look into possibility of filling a position for a medical only responder. Fire academy was halted due to covid, will be going virtual starting June 20<sup>th</sup>. ISO review was better than 2015, which was last one. All firefighters passed their physicals.
2. Cemetery Sexton: No report,

3. Township Attorney: No report.
4. Commissioners Report: Court house open to public but court rooms are not. Using virtual when possible and it seems to be working. Hazard pay requested, motion made not to respond due to Federal assistance in the pipeline. Headlee Amendment talks being resumed. Maples at 90% capacity, Census still going on and link will be posted on county website. Talks of hiring interim school superintendent, 6 possible candidates.
5. Zoning Administrator: 16 permits to date with some waiting to process.

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: Dam Rd resurfacing completed
- Community Activities: Newsletter insert for Summer tax bill will be finished by the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Finance: Almost ready to be able to take credit cards for taxes, will have a website link.
- Personnel: No report
- Policy: No report.
- ZBA: No report
- Blight: Awaiting hearing date for Hill property, Letter drafted for Narrow Gauge property.

NEW BUSINESS:

**TRUTH AND TAXATION MOTION:** Sheets made a motion to levy maximum millage allowed for the winter tax, 2020-2021 year as stated on the form, L4029. Motion supported by Priest with all voting Aye, motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, Clerk

7/9/20

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Clean up day success
- Park water issues
- USDA grant writer Rosemary Naulty
- Motion: Truth and Taxation