

# BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD

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Approved:

REGULAR MEETING,

July 8th, 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, Haase, Jerioski

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sheets moved to approve the agenda, supported by Burns. Roll call vote: All Ayes. Motion passed.

Motion by Priest to accept the minutes from June 10th, 2020, supported by Sheets. Roll call vote: All Ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Burns gave report. Burns made a motion to accept the report; Heller 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. Burns 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 resolved. Water back on to all but one restroom which will be available once new electric service installed. Next clean up day will be August 8<sup>th</sup> 2020. Bill and contract for electric received from Consumers. Motion made by Sheets supported by Burns, roll call taken, all ayes. Veterans Memorial Pavilion can be reserved limited electric and no water available. Boundry line dispute between Village of Beulah and Township has surfaced again. Received quote from Mansfield to complete a survey. Will be requesting Beulah pay half. Sheets made motion to have survey done, Priest Second. Roll call taken, all ayes. Estimate provided from Village of Beulah for Engineering for the dredging of the settling basin. Supervisor to look into engineering costs versus actual dredging costs, and what we actually pay for. Awaiting update from 1<sup>st</sup> brining complete, 2<sup>nd</sup> brining for Lincoln and Harris rd needed, quote from Beckman for \$1200. Higgins needs a second application due to excess traffic from

road construction. Sheets made motion to brine Lincoln and Harris and receive bid for Higgins, Priest seconded. Rosemary Naulty about writing USDA grant for fire truck. Discussion on Haans FOIA denial.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF : June calls 52: Medical 32 Fire 20, YTD 231. Fire academy was completed. 3 of 4 passed, 1 will retest. Pager deal being worked out with EMS. Tanker pump in need of repair, preliminary estimate of \$3500
2. Cemetery Sexton: Water pipe repaired and water back on. Small repairs yet needed on a few spigots
3. Township Attorney: No report.
4. Commissioners Report: No report.
5. Zoning Administrator: 20 permits to date, 6 waiting to process, 2 variance requests.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMUNICATION: Cyber Insurance quote presented. No action needed as voted previously.

PENDING BUSINESS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: No report
- Parks: First donation in drop box received.
- Building and Grounds: No report
- Fire Department: No report
- Township Roads: Dam Rd resurfacing completed
- Community Activities: Clean up day August 8<sup>th</sup> 7 – 11:30am, no passes again, bring proof of residency.
- Finance: Training for treasurer for accepting credit cards for taxes was this week. Will have a website link.
- Personnel: No report
- Policy: No report.
- ZBA: No report
- Blight: Awaiting hearing date for Hill property, Letter sent certified mail for Narrow Gauge property.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, Clerk

8/13/2020

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Next clean up day August 8<sup>th</sup> 2020
- Water issues at park and cemetery resolved
- Motion: Consumers Energy additional electric service at park
- Motion to survey boundary line between Village of Beulah and Township
- Motion: second brining Lincoln/Harris estimate for Higgins
- Discussion – Village of Beulah on Engineering for dredging the settling pond