

**BENZONIA TOWNSHIP
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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
Monday, July 20, 2020**

Approved:

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Barnard at 11:05am.

Roll Call: Burns, present; Barnard, present; Priest, present; Heller, present, Sheets attended at 11:11am.

The clerk read the purpose of the meeting posted on the outside bulletin board of the Hall, which was to discuss the dredging of the Village of Beulah settling pond and anything else that comes before the Board.

Supervisor Barnard will update the Board on the Mary Haan proposal issue after our legal counsel returns his phone call. Jason also said that in speaking with our county commissioner, Rhonda Nye he learned that they are forming a Tax Allegation Board. Mitch Deisch, County Administrator sent him an email asking if any supervisor was interested in serving on this committee. Jason said he was very interested and was supported by other supervisors.

Village of Beulah Settling Pond issue: Supervisor reviewed the last time we did this project, in 2014 and in comparing the large increase in the fees, the Board recommended that we be involved in every step of this process. Jim Sheets made a motion to pay our half of the engineering costs on condition that the Township is kept in the loop of all phases and that a member of the Benzie Township Board be present when all the bids are open at the meeting. Karen Burns supported and after a roll call vote, motion passed.

Supervisor Barnard brought up Higgins Road brining operation. Motion: Burns made a motion to contract with Bob Kerby to brine Higgins Road in coordination with BCRC. Sheila Priest seconded. After a roll call vote, and all voting AYE, motion carried.

A new defibrillator was purchased by the Fire Department to replace the old one.

The clerk said that all election officials will be certified this week and she will have a list for the Board as well as both parties by close of business on Thursday. This is for the Primary Election, 8/4/20.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35am.

Diana L. Heller, Clerk, 7/20/2020

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: 7/20/20.....special

- **Mary Haan update**
- **Tax Allegation Board – new**
- **Settling Pond issue**
- **Higgins Road brining**
- **New defibrillator purchased**
- **Primary Election workers.**