

# BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD

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Approved:

REGULAR MEETING,

September 9, 2020

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Barnard at 7:07 PM.

Present: Barnard, Priest, Sheets, Burns and Heller

Absent: None.

Staff: Adams, Nye, Haase

Guest: 1

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Sheets to approve the minutes from regular August 12, 2020 meeting, supported by Burns. All Ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Burns gave report. Priest made a motion to accept the report with Burns support, Roll Call vote, all ayes. Motion passed.

## 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 August, 2020 for both accounts. Priest made a motion to approve the report & pay the bills. Burns supported. Roll call vote, all ayes.

## SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Barnard presented his report for August. **A motion was made by Burns and supported by Sheets to remove the porta potties from the pavilion to the Veterans pavilion and them remove all of them at the end of October. All ayes, motion passed.** A report on tree removal at the Cemetery was given and it was reported that the supervisor will be meeting with a tree person the week of September 13<sup>th</sup> for a quote to remove trees at the cemetery.

## STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: calls in August, 10 fire and 31 medical. Chief Adams gave an update on the pumper truck and on the plans for the new truck.
2. Cemetery Sexton: Burials are down for this year, gave a report on downed trees and repairs of water spigots.
3. Township Attorney: No report.

4. Commissioners Report: Rhonda Nye reported on what the county is working on for over the summer.

5. Zoning Administrator: 31 permits and others pending. Both New and rebuilds.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: Richard Haan spoke on behalf of his wife, Mary in regards to a proposal previously submitted for entry on the next elections ballot.

COMMUNICATION: None

**Pending Business:** None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: Discussed a person wanting the Township to buy back her cemetery lots. We also discussed a request to have some trees cut down on their cemetery lot.
- Parks: No meetings this summer, donations are above \$200.00 so far.
- Building and Grounds: No report
- Fire Department: No report, they will be starting meeting for the new building soon.
- Township Roads: No report
- Community Activities: No report
- Finance: No report
- Personnel: No report
- Policy: No report.
- ZBA: report on recent public hearing
- Blight: Report on Hill property awaiting hearing date; Narrow Gauge property, letter returned unaccepted; Platte Road property reported as new blight sight.
- NEW BUSINESS: None
- EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion by Sheets to adjourn, supported by Priest  
Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, September 9, 2020

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, Clerk