

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD

Approved:

REGULAR MEETING,

January 20th, 2021

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Barnard at 7:24 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 agenda, Burns second. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sheets to approve the minutes from regular meeting November 11th, 2020 and the cancellation notice of December 9th 2020 meeting, supported by Burns. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Burns gave report. Sheets made a motion to accept the report with Priest supporting, Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

CLERKS'S REPORT:

The Clerk presented a Profit and Loss statement for both the General and Fire Funds for the month of December, 2020. Bills were paid Jan 14th after via email motion by Priest, second by Sheets and a roll call vote via email with all ayes.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Barnard presented his report for December. Poverty Guidelines to be updated. BOR meeting will be virtual in March. MTA states BOR annual training in February is required. Lease extension for 6 moths in progress for red house on fire barn property. No meeting for BCRC as Love Rd is only road to be done in 2021. Love Road hill needs one final survey to verify depth of cut. The cost is \$3000. Sheets moves to have survey done, Priest second. Roll call vote, all ayes. Settling basin work to be rebid late winter. Dan Donovan with Persistent Strategies gave a presentation for updating our website at a cost of \$7,000.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: calls in December 7 fire and 15 medical. YTD 470 total
2. Cemetery Sexton: no report
3. Township Attorney: No report.
4. Commissioners Report: Rhonda Nye reported on Building updates, Covid- 19 material, and retirements.
5. Zoning Administrator: 3 permits issued and 3 pending. 51 total 2020

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMUNICATION: None

PENDING BUSINESS: Cemetery ordinance draft coming soon

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: missing headstone was not missing but a tree covering it up. There will be spring tree work to be done. Supervisor to check it out.
- Parks: No report
- Building and Grounds: No report
- Fire Department: No report
- Township Roads: No report
- Community Activities: Winterfest cancelled, no need to house fireworks.
- Finance: Budget amendments 1-12 passed see attached detailed list for motions.
- Personnel: No report
- Policy: No report
- ZBA: No report
- Blight: no condemnation in books at county level.

NEW BUSINESS: Ice rink looking good this year, discussed if contribution could be made for its upkeep as done in past years, see attached motion list. 2021-2022 Budget meeting Jan 27th @11am. Assessor contract will be discussed at February's meeting.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Motion by Sheets to adjourn, supported by Priest
Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 9:06 P.M.

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, January 20th, 2021

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- ❖ Motion to have Love Rd hill survey done.
- ❖ Update on settling basin bids.
- ❖ Township website presentation.
- ❖ Motions for Budget Amendments 1-12. (see attached)
- ❖ Assessor contract change request.

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, Clerk