

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD

Approved:

REGULAR MEETING,

February 10th, 2021

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Barnard at 7:00 PM.

Present: Barnard, Priest, Sheets, Burns and Heller

Absent: None.

Staff: Adams, Nye (zoom), Haase, Hahn

Guest: 2 via zoom

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Sheets to approve agenda, Priest second. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Priest to approve the minutes from the regular meeting January 20th, 2021 and special meeting January 27th 2021. Supported by Burns. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Burns gave report. Burns made a motion to accept the report with Sheets 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 January 2021 along with payables. Motion by Priest to accept report and pay the bills, seconded by Sheets. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Barnard presented his report for January. Poverty Guidelines suggested to remain same as 2019. Sheets made motion with Burns supporting. Roll call vote, all ayes. BOR meetings set for March 2021.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: calls in January 6 fire and 32 medical. YTD 38. Volunteer photos to be updated at next meeting, EMR/MFR training March 1st – Apr 17th 2021, 3 taking. FF2 ends Feb 20th, 3 taking and should complete. Vaccinations in progress, 2% grant received for the purchase of a new CO monitoring system.
2. Cemetery Sexton: no report

3. Township Attorney: No report.
4. Commissioners Report: Rhonda Nye reported on Covid- 19 vaccines - supply vs Demand. Ironman route not determined and is not a county call, up to each township. Brief summary of the smart911.com. Animal control getting new cat cages and working toward a \$10,000 spay/neuter grant and 2 horses are up for adoption.
5. Zoning Administrator: 4 permits approved, 2 pending

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMUNICATION: None

PENDING BUSINESS: Cemetery ordinance draft presented for final review

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: No report
- Parks: No report
- Building and Grounds: A citizen called in concerns of the handicap space in front of twp hall being more prominent. Also concerns of the old high school buildings condition.
- Fire Department: No report
- Township Roads: No report
- Community Activities: No report
- Finance: Working on final roads budget, meeting with West Benzie Joint board 10am the 17th of February.
- Personnel: No report
- Policy: No report
- ZBA: No report
- Blight: No report

NEW BUSINESS:

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: A citizen extended thanks to all the election staff for their work in November, 2020.

Motion by Sheets to adjourn, supported by Priest
Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, February 10th, 2021

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- ❖ Motion for Hardship Guidelines levels.
- ❖ Cemetery ordinance draft presented.
- ❖ Board of review dates set for March.
- ❖ Fire Dept received GTB 2% Grant for equipment

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, Clerk