

**BENZONIA TOWNSHIP  
1020 Michigan Ave.  
Benzonia, MI 49616**

**Special Meeting**

**March 22, 2021**

**Approved**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Jason Barnard at 11:03am.

Roll Call was taken with Sheets, Burns, Barnard, Priest and Heller present.

Guest: Mary Haan

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Village of Beulah settling pond, Mary Haan resolution, BS & A Software and potential Memorial Park events and rates. It will also include anything else brought before the Board at this time.

**Haan vs Benzonia Twp. Resolution:** Supervisor Barnard opened the discussion, commenting on the first regular election being held August, 2022. Burns made a motion to pass this Resolution. Priest supported, roll call taken: Jason Barnard, Karen Burns, Jim Sheets, Sheila Priest and Diana Heller voted Aye. Nays, none. Resolution adopted.

**BS & A Software:** After a discussion, it was decided to table a vote on the new software. Sheets made a motion to table the vote until the April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting. Burns supported, all voted Aye.

**Cemetery Ordinance:** A discussion started by the Clerk outlined the changes so far, as well as the fee schedule. There was a discussion on definitions and fee schedule and decided that after we all have had a chance to review the ordinance, we would take a vote at our April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting.

**Memorial Park Event:** The Clerk brought up a recent request to use the park for a “family-friendly wrestling event”. After a discussion, it was decided to allow the event and for the clerk to submit a one-time fee for this event and that we would work on putting together a fee schedule for the park pavilions. The clerk will be in contact with Brandon Jenkins on this event for July 2, 2021.

**Clean-up Day:** Jason explained the problems with the location of clean up day and his plan to see if anything can be done to have it remain in the same location.

**Village of Beulah Settling Pond:** Arcadia Marine has won the bid to clean the settling basin at \$48,950.00 and the Township paying half that amount with the village paying the balance. Sheets made

a motion to accept the bid, Priest supported. A roll call vote was taken with: Barnard, Sheets, Burns, Priest and Heller all voting Aye to accept the bid. None voted nay. Motion accepted.

**Brining Contract:** The Supervisor presented the new brining contract from the BCRC noting that the vendor used in previous years did not bid this year and the new vendors were considerable higher due to increases in product costs. After a discussion, it was decided to send in the contract as printed.

**Fire Recovery Service:** The clerk told the Board that the necessary forms for reinstating the Fire Department for fire recovery service has been completed and sent into the company. Now we wait for notification and an invoice to arrive for the service.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.

Diana L. Heller, Clerk

Meeting Highlights:

- Haan vs Benzonia Township Resolution
- BS & A Software
- Cemetery Ordinance
- Memorial Park Event
- Clean-Up Day
- Village of Beulah Settling Pond
- Brining Contract
- Fire Recovery Service