

# BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD

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Approved:

REGULAR MEETING,

May 12th, 2021

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

Present: Barnard, Priest, Sheets, Burns and Heller

Absent: None.

Staff: Nye, Haase, Jordon

Absent: Adams, Hahn

Guests: Pat Gray

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 April 14th, 2021. Supported by Burns. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Barnard presented his report for April. Received a letter from Pat Gray regarding Lincoln Rd location and runoff. The rental house on the fire department property is now vacant. Chief Adams is inquiring about the possibility of using the structures for training. After meeting with John Axe and Steve Burke about the milage and bond process, it is a goal to be on the Nov 2021 ballot. Park is open except for bathrooms for the ball field. Repairs being looked into.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: Chief Adams submitted his report for April, there were 10 fire and 23 medical. YTD 141.
2. Cemetery Sexton: Water to be turned on by memorial weekend. Not much feedback regarding ordinance as of yet.
3. Township Attorney: No report.
4. Commissioners Report: Rhonda Nye reported that the protective glass at the county building is in place. The title of the Deputy Administrator has been changed to HR/Finance manager Katie Heits has been hired. Follow up to the inhabitable premises request, the county health department can assist with investigation when it is a health threat such as septic issues. Otherwise, the townships will want to look into a dangerous buildings ordinance. Benzie County Road commission has acquired the Platte River School. There is a matrix starting for ideas for use of the stimulus money and one suggestion is sewer down the corridor. Nye stated that township and village officials could suggest other items to be added to the matrix for further consideration.
5. Zoning Administrator: 17 permits approved to date, 2 minor SLU pending. Planning Commission meeting June 3<sup>rd</sup>, will hear Crystal Lake Watershed updates.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMUNICATION: None

PENDING BUSINESS: Website updates and BS&A discussion tabled.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: Sheets to repaint the warrior
- Parks: mowed twice
- Building and Grounds: No report
- Fire Department: No report
- Township Roads: No report
- Community Activities: Spring clean-up day was a success.
- Finance: No report
- Personnel: No report
- Policy: No report
- ZBA: No report
- Blight: Hill Rd in court system await date, Platte Rd- owner in quarantine so meet delayed, Flaska's next to Smitty's is looking rough with stumps again.

NEW BUSINESS: Michigan ParPlan as a grant of up to \$5000 that Diana would like to apply for for camera repair and/or upgrades in the park. Motion made by Burns to adopt Resolution 03-2021 to allow Diana to apply for the MI ParPlan Grant. Sheets second, Roll call taken, all ayes.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Mentioned the big dirt piles to be spread on the trails, also mentioned that there is a need for indoor recreation, especially for the elderly in the area in winter.

Motion to adjourn made by Sheets, Supported by Burns  
Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 7:58 P.M.

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, May 12th, 2021

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

- ❖ Clean up day success.
- ❖ Resolution 03-2021 adopted for ParPlan Grant.
- ❖ Supervisor reported financing plans for new fire barn and township hall will begin soon.

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, Clerk