

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

Special Meeting

August 4, 2021

Approved:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Jason Barnard at 11:10 am.

Roll Call was taken with Sheets, Burns, Barnard, Priest and Heller present. Staff: Steve Adams

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the current petition for a proposal from the Benzonia Fire Department to build a new fire/medical/first responder station and township offices in the township and anything else that may need action by the Board.

Supervisor Barnard passed out the resolution for submitting the language for the November 2021 ballot for our voters as prepared by the committee. Also under discussion was the millage collection estimate and how it would affect our residents. The Headlee amendment would have no effect on an unlimited bond. **MOTION: Jim Sheets made a motion to adopt the resolution to put the bond proposition language on the November 2021 ballot, Sheila Priest supported. Roll Call Vote: Sheets-Aye, Burns-Aye, Barnard-Aye, Priest-Aye, Heller- Aye. Motion passed.**

Supervisor Barnard reported that Jim Clark, Architect will be drawing up plans for the new project. **Motion: Jim Sheets made a motion for the architectural drawings to not exceed \$4500.00 in total. Sheila Priest supported. Aye notes: Sheets, Burns, Barnard, Priest and Heller. Nay: none.**

Clerk Heller presented an invoice from Bio Care, billing for the 2021 physicals for the fire department. With the invoice past due, the Clerk needed a motion to pay the invoice before our regular monthly meeting. **Motion: Sheila Priest made a motion to pay the Bio Care invoice. Karen Burns supported. Board all voted Aye, motion passed.**

Supervisor Barnard reported on the park meeting held the previous night at Memorial Park. The committee walked the proposed trail and discussed its' preparation. Gillison is working on the quotes for preparation of the site. Next Park meeting will be 8/24/21, 6pm at the park. Barnard talked about the well at the park and the lightning strike that disabled the pump, between 7/25-27, 2021. Barry Hahn, park maintenance called Demerly Well Drilling and they came out, gave him a quote and fixed the problem. The bill/quote was for \$4,660.25. Clerk Heller is in contact with our insurance provider. We

now have water at the park. Barnard will ask Signature Services to include week whacking in their park mowing contract.

Fire Chief Steve Adams said he would be having a county- wide training, August 27-29, 2021. It will include a structure on our new property.

Jim Sheets made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Sheila Priest supporting. Meeting adjourned at 12:15pm.

Diana L. Heller, Township Clerk, 8/4/21