

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD

Approved:

REGULAR MEETING

Aug 11th, 2021

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

Present: Barnard, Priest, Sheets, Burns and Heller

Absent: None.

Staff: Nye, Haase, Adams

Absent: Hahn, Wilkinson

Guests: 1

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Sheets to approve agenda, Heller second. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sheets to approve the minutes from the regular meeting July 14th, 2021, Truth in Taxation July 14th, 2021 and special meeting Aug 4th 2021. Supported by Priest, All ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Burns gave report. Sheets made a motion to accept the report with Burns supporting, 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 July 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 July. ARPA funds applied for awaiting review status. Draft design of the "Future Site" sign for the fire barn project has been received. Fliers and additional materials in progress. Millage language turned in for inclusion on the November ballot. Clean up day was well attended as usual.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: Chief Adams submitted his report for July. There were 18 fire and 31 medical. YTD 282. State wide training will be held here end of month.
2. Cemetery Sexton: No report.
3. Township Attorney: No report.
4. Commissioners Report: Rhonda Nye reported that ARPA funds applied for and awaiting review and payment. EMS & Tom King worked out a contract for EMS to be available for the Ironman event. Lease between county and DNR for the Outlet is complete. A couple of concerns are parking and a kayak washing station. Charter Spectrum addressed the Board of Commissioners regarding broadband coming soon thanks to state allotments.
5. Zoning Administrator: 27 permits approved to date, 1 variance and 3 special minor permits pending.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMUNICATION: None

PENDING BUSINESS: Website updates, BS&A, FOIA rates

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: **Motion made by Sheets to hire Bob Wilkinson as sexton, Priest support. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried.**
- Parks: A couple of trees need removed by walking trail, a couple of others have to be looked at by Deering. Weed whipping now to be done by Signature Services. Lightning hit well head and destroyed the pump. Back up and running now thanks to Demerly Well Drilling. The bill has been submitted to insurance company.
- Building and Grounds: No report
- Fire Department: No report
- Township Roads: No report
- Community Activities: No report
- Finance: No report
- Personnel: No report
- Policy: No report
- ZBA: 1 potential, W Benzie & CL TWP Watershed management looked at overlay district. They will be back to meeting monthly at 6pm.
- Blight: Platte Road on hold for now owner still very ill.

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion to adjourn made by Sheets, Supported by Burns
Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, Aug 11th, 2021

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- ❖ Motion passed to hire Bob Wilkinson as new sexton.
- ❖ Sign for new Fire Dept facility
- ❖ Park walking trail discussions continue.

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, Clerk