

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD

Approved:

REGULAR MEETING

Sept 8th, 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: 0

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Sheets to approve the minutes from the regular meeting Aug 11th 2021. Supported by Burns, All ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Burns gave report. Burns made a motion to accept the report with Sheets 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 Burns. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor Barnard presented his report for July. ARPA funds approved. The "Future Site" sign for the fire barn project has been installed. Fliers and additional materials in progress. Informational meeting Sept 24th 7pm. Carter Rd Platte Lake access overgrown, Road commission will be working to reopen the road end. Estimates requested for straightening of Lincoln Rd. One estimate received awaiting another.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: Chief Adams submitted his report for August. There were 7 fire and 37 medical. YTD 326. Training class had 9 attendees. New recruit, Anna Longo, will be added to the roster. She brings with her FF1 & 2 training.
2. Cemetery Sexton: No report.
3. Township Attorney: No report.
4. Commissioners Report: Rhonda Nye reported that per the County Treasurer 10 parcels sold at the property tax sale. 8 of which have claims made by previous owners. Zillow wants county records free of charge, ROD states that the fee of \$1.00 per page is charged in person and should apply to everyone. The Gathering place is at 100% staff. County interest rates up 8%, looking at different policies for active and retired employees. Animal control milage was missed from ballot, what, where and whom are questions raised. Mask mandate by Health Department is questioned as an overreach.
5. Zoning Administrator: 33 permits approved to date, 1 variance granted and a couple special minor land use permits pending.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMUNICATION: None

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: No report
- Parks: Trees removed and grinding done, Veterans Pavilion not finished going to check on status, awaiting walking path bids, Ins claim for well in progress.
- Building and Grounds: No report
- Fire Department: Received first payment from Fire Recovery. **Motion made by Sheets to add new recruit to roster, Barnard support. Roll call taken, all ayes, motion carried**
- Township Roads: No report
- Community Activities: No report
- Finance: No report
- Personnel: No report
- Policy: No report
- ZBA:
- Blight: Platte Road has decided to sell to one of the neighbors. Hill property awaiting in person service. Fairway Dr. house has been demo'd.

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Motion to adjourn made by Sheets, Supported by Burns
Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:07 P.M.

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, Sept 8th, 2021

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- ❖ Carter and Lincoln road discussions.
- ❖ Motion passed to add new recruit to Fire Dept roster.
- ❖ Sign for new Fire Dept facility
- ❖ Park walking trail discussions continue.

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, Clerk