

## BENZONIA TOWNSHIP

1020 Michigan Ave.  
Benzonia, MI 49616

### Special Meeting

October 21, 2021

#### Approved:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Jason Barnard at 11:00 am.

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

Staff: Steve Adams

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the allocation for the American Rescue Funds for Benzonia Township and anything else that may need action by the Board.

Treasurer Burns opened the discussion by telling us that we have already received \$99,278.00, which is half of what we expect, with the other half due in 2022. **A motion was made by Burns, supported by Priest to put it towards the purchase of the new Fire Pumper Truck on order by the department. A roll call vote was taken, with all voting aye, motion passed.**

Supervisor Barnard told us about an email from our attorney, Tim Figura concerning the Hill property blight problem. He said that the property will be demolished within 30 days but to keep the court action in a holding pattern, just in case.

Treasurer Burns reported on the verbiage concerning the upcoming fire department building vote. She told us that the millage might not be doled out to us until 2022. Jason will look into this.

Fire Chief Adams said he is considering changing the company who supplies a software reporting system to us from Image Trend to Emergency Reporting. He cited several reasons such as the company working directly with Fire Recovery and a lower yearly fee. **A motion was made by Burns, supported by Priest to change our software reporting in the fire department from Image Trend to Emergency Reporting with a yearly sign on fee not to exceed \$1,900.00. A roll call vote taken with all members voting aye, motion passed.** Chief Adams also mentioned a survey sent by Network NorthWest which is working with the area fire departments on updating the mitigation plans for the county, which he is working with representing our township. He urged all members to take the survey when it is emailed to them.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50am.