

# BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD

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Approved:

REGULAR MEETING

November 10th, 2021

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

Present: Barnard, Priest, Sheets, and Heller

Absent: Burns.

Staff: Nye, Haase, Adams

Absent: Hahn, Wilkinson

Guests: 0

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Priest to approve the minutes from regular meeting October 13th, 2021 & special meeting October 21, 2021. Supported by Sheets, all ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Report submitted by Burns. Sheets made a motion to accept the report with Priest 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 October 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 October. The bond for new fire hall passed with 75% of the votes. The Fire Barn committee consisting of Chief Adams, Jim Clark, Torr Goff and Jason will be meeting with Jim Axe to review building plan drafts and next steps in the bond process. The park is officially closed and winterized with the assistance with DC Plumbing of Frankfort. Cemetery remains open temporarily, however water has been shut off and system blown out per the sexton. Hill property is slated for demo, starting this weekend by Bob Kerby.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: Chief Adams submitted his report for October 2021. There were 6 fire and 52 medical runs making the YTD total 435 runs. Our new pumper truck has been delivered and is being outfitted. The firemen are being trained on the driving and operation of the new rig. Chief said he will be advertising our old truck in several online and municipal ad companies. The first "Trunk or Treat" was a success. Chief said he is looking at an alternative incident reporting software company.
2. Cemetery Sexton: No report.
3. Township Attorney: No report.
4. Commissioners Report: Rhonda Nye reported that Christine Bosley is new HR person. County Admin department is now complete. County Treasurer, Michelle Thompson, gave the Board of Commissioners a presentation on the DTF fund. Heedley campaigns will be starting. 1<sup>st</sup> ballot possible is Aug 2022. Changes in Village of Beulah Board have taken place. Village of Benzonia has had a request from a new business for acquiring the remaining liquor license. There are several committee openings at the county.
5. Zoning Administrator: 51 permits approved to date, continued work on the Crystal Lake Watershed overlay district and updated master plan.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMUNICATION: None

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: No report
- Parks: Veteran's ceremony 1pm on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Wescott Masonry working to finish up the block work around the plumbing leak in baseball field bathroom.
- Building and Grounds: No report
- Fire Department: No report
- Township Roads: received 1 bid for Lincoln Rd project but would like 1 more before reviewing.
- Community Activities: No report
- Finance: No report
- Personnel: No report
- Policy: No report
- ZBA: No report
- Blight: Hill to be demo'd. 3 reports on Fairway Dr, 2 completed, 1 will be sent additional letter. The property next to Smittys tree service will be sent a notice about putting fence up. Narrow Gauge continuously gets worse, will be moving toward next steps.

NEW BUSINESS: The election on Nov. 2, 2021, ran smoothly, proposal passed and the board of canvassers verified results.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: none

Motion to adjourn made by Sheets, Supported by Priest.  
Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 7:56 P.M.

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, Nov. 12th, 2021

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:**

- ❖ **Bond passed for new fire barn.**
- ❖ **New fire truck is home.**
- ❖ **Park closed for the winter.**

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, Clerk