

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

Special Meeting

March 2, 2022

Approved:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Jason Barnard at 11:06am.

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

The purpose of the meeting was to review and award a bid for excavation and demolition services for the new Benzonia Township Fire Department building.

The supervisor presented the two bids submitted: Gillison Excavating, Inc. for \$38,945.00 including the Mawby engineering work and from AJ's excavating for \$31,970.00 excluding the Mawby engineering work at \$5,215.00. A discussion followed including questions from the Treasurer as to when the township would receive funding and just how that would proceed. Jim Sheets made a motion to accept Gillison Excavating, Inc. bid with Karen Burns supporting. A roll call was taken with Sheets, Burns, Barnard, Priest and Heller voting yes. Motion passed. Sheets requested that when Jason told AJ's that we did not accept his bid, he mention we would have a lot more jobs to be done on this project and others in the upcoming year and we would be contacting him.

Supervisor Barnard presented a resolution for our consideration: "A Resolution to Support Paving the Betsie Valley Trail From Beulah to Thompsonville," which is Res. # 2022-01. After a discussion on it, Jim Sheets made a motion to adopt the resolution #2022-01 and Sheila Priest supported. A roll call vote was taken: Sheets, Burns, Barnard, Priest and Heller all voted Yes. Motion accepted.

Treasurer Burns presented budget amendments to be presented at our next regular Board meeting on March 9, 2022. She wanted us to review them and be ready for a discussion at that time. A reminder was also stated of the Public Hearing to be held on 3/9/22 at 2:30pm for our budget.

Trustee Sheets stated that after researching pickleball courts, he thinks we should build a professional size court as long as we are installing them in the first place. A discussion followed.

A motion was made by Burns, seconded by Priest to adjourn the meeting at 11:45am

Diana L. Heller,

Township Clerk

HIGHLIGHTS: 3/2/2022

- **2-Bids submitted, one awarded to Gillison Excavating.**
- **“A Resolution to Support Paving the Betsie Valley Trail from Beulah to Thompsonville.”
Passed #2022-01**