

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD

Approved:

REGULAR MEETING

May 11, 2022

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Barnard at 3:00 PM.

Present: Barnard, Burns, Sheets, Priest

Absent: Heller

Staff: Nye, Haase, Adams

Absent: Hahn, Wilkinson

Guests: 1

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Sheets to approve the agenda as presented, Priest seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Sheets to approve the minutes from regular meeting of April 11th, 2022, Supported by Priest, all ayes, motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Report submitted by Burns, with comments on transferring some money into Michigan Class, but would be available to the township at several days' notice. Priest made a motion to accept the report with Sheets supporting, all ayes, motion carried.

CLERKS'S REPORT:

The Deputy Clerk presented a Profit and Loss statement for both the General and Fire Funds for the month of April 2022 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. Clean up day was well attended. Rhonda Nye, Sara Kirk and Jason Barnard met regarding the scoring process of the RFP's for the sewer feasibility study. They will meet Friday May 13th to go over the 6 packets that were received. There are a couple trees at cemetery and park that need addressing, Jason reached out to Al Rose for a quote. Water is on at both the cemetery and the park, is locked for use until water test is complete. The

west bathroom is not usable until the outstanding repair is made. Ball fields will be used by T-ballers this year.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: Chief Adams reports for the month of April, a total of 30 calls for service. Of which 6 were Fire, 24 for Medical, bringing YTD total to 168. Campbell Plumbing did valve check and labelling required by the Village of Benzonia. Annual physicals to begin soon. Pip Packs received through the 2% grant arrived and training to be done so can be put in use. Coordinating with Frankfort FD on traffic flow plan for 4th of July.
2. Cemetery Sexton: No report.
3. Township Attorney: No report.
4. Commissioners Report: Commissioner Nye reported Amy Bissell has officially retired, Paula Eberhart to be sworn in as new Register of Deeds. Dawn Olney retiring June 10th. EMS passed their annual inspection with zero deficiencies. May 24th will be a Merit presentation at 1:30. True North was awarded a Brownfield Grant for the property which used to be Buds in Honor. Animal control has goats, sheep and donkeys for adoption and they are also discussing walking trail and kennel expansion options. Carter Kits were given to EMS to assist with person on the autism spectrum during a call.
5. Zoning Administrator: 16 permits approved YTD. A couple still pending. Master Plan public meeting June 2nd from 4-6pm. Another in July at Platte Twp.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMUNICATION: None

PENDING BUSINESS: Website updates, BS&A, FOIA rates. Burns provided some price quotes for BS&A package options. Discussion to continue next month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: Port John has been placed
- Parks: Porta John placed at the Veterans pavilion. Gillison to get walking trail marked in order to solicit bids. Discussion on adding a pickleball court, Sheets gathering more info.
- Building and Grounds: No report
- Fire Department: No report
- Township Roads: No brine yet, should be anytime.
- Community Activities: Clean-up Day for August is tentatively the 6th from 7am – 11am.
- Finance: Audit to begin May 25th 2022
- Personnel: No report
- Policy: No report
- ZBA: No report
- Blight: Platte Rd nearing a close. A verbal complaint has been received for Fairway Dr and one for Case Rd.

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: It was asked what the survey stakes were for at the park. Jason stated it was Mr. Watson and has reached out to make sure no concerns over the driveway.

Motion to adjourn made by Burns, Supported by Sheets.
Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 3:48 P.M.

Submitted by:

Brooke L Haase, Deputy Clerk

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- ❖ **Clean up day was a success.**
- ❖ **Memorial Park walking trail marking in progress.**
- ❖ **Discussions on adding a pickleball court at Memorial Park.**