

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD

Approved:

REGULAR MEETING

June 8, 2022

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

Present: Barnard, Burns, Sheets, Priest and Heller

Absent: none

Staff: Nye, Haase, Adams

Absent: Hahn, Wilkinson

Guests: 3

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

TREASURERS REPORT: Report submitted by Burns, with comments on transferring money from State Savings to Michigan Class due to better interest rate. Heller 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 May 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. 1st Brining application has begun. Jason gave update on Cedar St paving and Lincoln Road relocation; both have costs that are out of budget at the moment. He is looking into funding options. The sewer feasibility committee awarded the RFP to Wade Trim and are awaiting final contract documents. Working on Millage proposal for November for FIRE & EMS operations. Footings were poured at the new Homestead Hills Elementary and a portion of Henry Road adjacent to the school is being relocated.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: Chief Adams reports for the month of April, a total of 52 calls for service. Of which 14 were Fire, 38 for Medical, bringing YTD total to 219. Annual physicals are complete. Fire academy final exam is June 11th with graduation June 18th. Forrester Dobson is our newest EMR.
2. Cemetery Sexton: No report.
3. Township Attorney: No report.
4. Commissioners Report: Commissioner Nye reported that the Board approved the development of the property behind the animal control building. She mentioned the space needs for 911 dispatch and that an RFP was sent out for reutilizing a portion of the basement. There is coordination between Centra Wellness and the Sheriff's department to train a couple deputies. Merit Study, reiterated that broadband isn't a luxury but a necessity. It also shows the current maps are wrong.
5. Zoning Administrator: 27 permits approved YTD. Master Plan public meeting was held June 2nd, the special land use meeting has been rescheduled to July. Amanda McLaren from the Benzonia Public Library shared an update on the repairs that were concluded with our contribution last winter.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMUNICATION: None

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: Tree work completed by Al Rose. Jason reached out about additional work needed. Flag pole lanyard is stuck, Jason and Mr. Sheets to address its replacement.
- Parks: Walking rail list of materials received; an ad is going in the paper & letters to excavators for bid submission. Committee is looking into Carters kids grant for equipment. Approval to move forward on pickle ball courts. Expansion of dog park discussed. West bathroom still not operable.
- Building and Grounds: No report
- Fire Department: No report
- Township Roads: No report
- Community Activities: Clean-up Day for August is tentatively the 6th from 7am – 11am.
- Finance: **Auditor recommended reimbursements to Fire and General Funds in regards to the Fire Barn property acquisition and work completed. Motion by Burns Seconded by Priest, roll call taken, all ayes, motion passed.**
- Personnel: No report
- Policy: No report
- ZBA: No report

- Blight: Platte Rd awaiting final response no property transfer received according to Jill.

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Burns, Supported by Sheets.
Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 4:02 P.M.

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, Clerk

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- ❖ **Dobson is newest Emergency Medical Responder.**
- ❖ **Memorial Park walking trail work out for bids.**
- ❖ **Motion to reimburse Fire Fund from General Fund per accountant.**