

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD

Approved:

REGULAR MEETING

July 13, 2022

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

Present: Barnard, Burns, Sheets, and Heller

Absent: Priest

Staff: Nye, Adams

Absent: Hahn, Wilkinson, Haase

Guests: 4

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing, Truth in Taxation, called to order at 3pm by Supervisor Barnard. There being no public discussion, public hearing closed at 3:05pm.

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

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

Supervisor Barnard opened the **Public Hearing at 3:15pm** for the Proposal to the DNR-Betsie River Watercraft Ordinance Study. Lenny Merrill spoke in favor of the ordinance. A discussion followed Public Hearing was closed at 3:25pm.

Jane Perrino from the Benzie Co. Conservation district made a presentation concerning their latest millage on the August ballot. She left pamphlets for the public.

TREASURERS REPORT: Report submitted by Burns. Sheets made a motion with support of Burns to accept the report. All ayes.

CLERKS'S REPORT:

The Clerk presented a Profit and Loss statement for both the General and Fire Funds for the month of June 2022 along with payables. Motion by Burns to accept report and pay the bills, seconded by Sheets. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. The clerk presented the election

workers for the August Primary election and that the public accuracy test has been posted for July 20th

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Barnard said the BOR will be held July 19, 2022 at 1pm. He said the BOR can no longer grant PRE's. The Assessors can approve or deny them. In discussing the renewal fees for our marijuana facilities with our auditors, he said we might have to change the amounts we charge for the license permit fees. The Board will table that decision to a later date. We received two grills donated to the Veterans pavilion in the park by Jimmy Ames and his wife. Bids are due the end of the week for the Park's walking trail. Barnard commented on the Homestead Meadows PUD with no decision made yet.

STAFF REPORTS:

1. FIRE CHIEF: Chief Adams reports for the month of June, a total of 53 calls for service. Of which 10 were Fire, 43 for Medical, bringing YTD total to 272. Chief Adams reported our old engine has been sold to Boone Township Fire Department. Fire school has been completed for our department.
2. Cemetery Sexton: No report.
3. Township Attorney: No report.
4. Commissioners Report: Commissioner Nye reported that there would be a tire recycling event in Thompsonville, Saturday July 16, 2022 from 9-`pm. She said the old Benzonia high school has been purchased and a grant is being used to see if contaminants are in the property. Other items brought to the Boards attention were: openings at Benzie Bus, purchases by the Land Bank, AARP funds purchases and more.
5. Zoning Administrator:

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT: Jack Rineer commented on Fire Recovery incident with his employee.

A motion was made by Sheets supported by Burns to accept the Truth and Taxation amount as presented. A roll call vote was made with all present voting aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Sheets and supported by Burns to support resolution # 07132022 with the DNR. A roll call vote was taken and all voted Aye. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATION: The clerk read several letters and an email thanking us for using the park and complimenting the board on its' upkeep.

PENDING BUSINESS: Website updates, BS&A, FOIA rates. Treasurer Burns commented on the BS & A quote and that we will go ahead with adding the general ledger to our software.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Cemetery: Fuel charges, Burns brought up the increase in fuel charges and inquired if we should pay an additional amount to both the cemetery and park mowing contractors. Barnard said he would talk to both of the people and get back with us.

- Parks: Walking Trail bids are still out. Barnard will get back with us when set. Sheets is getting pickleball court quotes for the Board.
- Building and Grounds: No report
- Fire Department: Space was rented from Jim Rineer to house the old fire truck until sold, at \$150.00 per month. Barnard will get details to the clerk for payment.
- Township Roads: No report
- Community Activities: Clean-up Day for August, 6th from 7am – 11am.
- Finance: No report
- Personnel: No report
- Policy: No report
- ZBA: No report
- Blight: Trustee Sheets reported there was nothing happening on the Bolton property and will send a violation ticket to them. He is also looking at the Fairway Drive and Walker Street property.

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Sheets, supported by Burns.
Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 4:35 P.M.

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, Clerk

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Public Hearings (2): Truth in Taxation & Proposal to DNR.
- An increase in license permit fees for facilitators to be tabled.
- Clerk reported on people working the Primary election in August.
- Barnard reported on the Public Hearing of Homestead Meadows PUD.
- Motion on the Truth in Taxation rate information.
- Motion on resolution #7132022 with the DNR.
- Barnard to check on giving additional funding for increased cost for both mowing services.
- Get storage check to Jim Rineer for keeping the old fire truck, now sold.
- Blight: Sheets will send violation ticket to the Bolton property.