

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

**Special Meeting-Budget**

**January 24, 2023**

**Approved:**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Jason Barnard at 11:12am.

Roll Call was taken with Burns, Barnard, Priest and Heller present, Sheets was absent. No guests or other employees were present.

The purpose of the meeting was to start discussion of the new 2023 – 2024 budgets for Benzonia Township and Fire Department.

Treasurer Burns opened the discussion with the “Salaries, Wages and Contracts for the fiscal year, 2023-24.” It was decided to plug in numbers reflecting the current cost of living increase of 8.7% for the Board members. The treasurer then continued down the report with everyone contributing what they saw as important in the line item. We will dispense with the fire department portion of this form until the Fire Chief can be consulted. The Supervisor will get with him before our next meeting. The Treasurer will include all the other budgets in the next meeting for review.

Other items under discussion were: Fire Recover Service, Mike Cool, auditor on our building fund, Benzie Conservation District annual report and contribution, Beulah Storm Water Project, ARPA funds, Marijuana funds.

It was agreed to continue the discussion at our next budget meeting on Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 1:00 pm to continue work on the other budgets. The supervisor will contact the Fire Chief to see if he can make it to the meeting.

Supervisor Barnard adjourned the meeting at 12:10pm.

Diana L. Heller,  
Township Clerk