

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

Special Meeting-Budget

January 25, 2024

Approved:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Jason Barnard at 10:30am.

Roll Call was taken with Burns, Barnard, Gardner and Heller present, Priest was absent. Steve Adams, the Fire Chief was present.

The purpose of the meeting was to start discussion of the new 2024 – 2025 budgets for Benzonia Township and Fire Department.

Treasurer Burns opened the discussion with the “Salaries, Wages and Contracts for the fiscal year, 2024-25.” It was decided to leave the salaries for the Board members the same as previous year.

Other items under discussion were the Assessors salary. Was it based on the cpi or a cost of living? The supervisor will talk with the assessor for clarity on the situation. There were other increases which were discussed and agreed upon. The final figures would be shown on the final budget.

***Under other business for the township, the clerk passed out the roster of election workers for the Presidential Primary coming up February 27, 2024 and for the new nine days of early voting. Burns made a motion to accept this roster for the election and Gardner seconded. All voting Aye.**

Treasurer Karen Burns proposed transferring out of the Fire Fund, \$250,000.00 to the township General Fund to cover the new building costs. The treasurer made the motion and Garden supported. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting Aye. Priest was absent. Motion passed.

The fire chief gave an update on the \$30,000 grant we were awarded for the fire department’s air packs. Jason will call the awarders office concerning when we can expect that money to arrive.

It was agreed to continue the discussion at our next budget meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2024 at 11:00 am to continue work on the other budgets.

Supervisor Barnard adjourned the meeting at 11:45am.

Diana L. Heller, Benzonia Township Clerk

***Motion to accept the roster for election 2/27/24.**