

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

Special Meeting-Budget

February 7, 2024

Approved:

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

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 continue 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.” She passed out updated copies of all budgets involved. The Board, with the Treasurers direction started with the fire fund.

The Supervisor mentioned the fire contract we have with Joyfield Township and said he was in talks with the Supervisor of Blaine Township to submit a bid for Benzonia Township to service them. A motion was made by Gardner to enter into a contract with Blaine Township for fire and MFR services at the rate of; a minimum of one mill of Blaine Twp’s current year taxable value for three years with a potential annual increase capped at 5% which would be based on the subsequential year’s cost of living adjustment. Burns seconded the motion with a roll call vote taken and all members present voting AYE.

The Supervisor said a representative from the downtown Beulah association asked the Board to approve a back up location for the Winterfest fireworks, being Memorial Park. A discussion took place and the Supervisor will get back with the representative.

The Fire Chief stated his department had some future equipment expenses that should be considered in the budget. More information will be given to the Board at our next budget meeting.

The next budget meeting will be Tuesday, February 13th at 9am here are the Hall.

Submitted by,

Diana L. Heller

Benzonia Township Clerk.