

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

Special Meeting

March 26, 2024

Approved:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Jason Barnard at 11:02 am.

Roll Call was taken with Burns, Barnard, Gardner and Heller present

Guests: Al Rose, James Banasiak

The purpose of the meeting was to appoint a new township trustee, address a request for road closure in the township, and anything else that may need action by the township board.

Supervisor Barnard opened up the discussion to appoint a new trustee, saying there were three applicants: Kristi Walsh, Anne Noah and Al Rose. After a discussion and a reminder that all board members have read the letters of application, a motion was made by Karen Burns and supported by David Gardner to appoint Al Rose as the new trustee for Benzonia Township. A roll call vote was taken with Gardner voting aye, Burns voting aye, Barnard voting aye and Heller voting aye. Motion passed.

The supervisor passed out a letter from Brauer Productions, asking for permission to close Narrow Gauge Road, between Eastman and Moss on April 27, 2024, for a maximum time of 8am to 6pm, for filming of the Dogman 3 movie. A motion was presented by Gardner and seconded by Burns to grant the request. A roll call vote was taken with all voting aye. Motion passed.

The supervisor requested an amendment be made to our March 7, 2024 minutes to clarify some of the wording presented. Ross Leisman is our attorney at the firm of: Mika Myers, PLC. Also change the word "orders" to ordinances. The amended version was passed out to all.

Supervisor Barnard brought up a discussion of sharing of 50/50 cost of the settling pond in downtown Beulah. He passed out an estimate totaling \$32,000.00, awarded to Kerby Backhoe Services, Beulah. An invoice was requested which will be put on the April, 2024 accounts payable report.

A FOIA template was received from Platte Twp. that is being used by WBJP and Platte Twp to consider being adapted for Benzonia Township. We need to keep working on our policy to make it current.

Clerk Heller asked when our new walking trail will be paved. Barnard said he will look into it.

James Clarke will be meeting with Benzie Conservation District as to purchasing our current building.

Public Input: James Banasiak commented on Starbucks moving into Family Fare in Benzonia.

A motion was made by Burns and supported by Gardner to adjourn the meeting at 11:53am. All ayes

Submitted by,

Diana L. Heller

Benzonia Township Clerk.