

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

**Special Meeting-Budget**

**January 28, 2025**

Approved as amended:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Jason Barnard at 3:00 PM.

Roll Call was taken with Burns, Barnard, Rose, Orr and Heller were present, Chief Adams was also in attendance.

The purpose of the meeting was to continue the discussion of the new 2025 – 2026 budgets for Benzonia Township and the Fire Department and anything else needing attention of the Township Board.

Supervisor Barnard opened up the discussion, catching Trustee Orr up on what happened at our first Budget Meeting, which she missed. Treasurer Burns referred to the copies of last year's budget that she passed out at our last meeting from which we are working. Salaries and wages are typically the first budgets to be discussed and acted upon. It was discussed to raise the Board's salaries and medical stipends in consideration of ~~not being raised for several years.~~ **no wage increase for 2024 and only cost of living increase for 2022 and 2023.** Other items stayed the same as decided last meeting.

Discussions continued on the Budget, plugging in new figures and the Treasurer asking for suggestions on other items. The Supervisor will contact Platte Township to schedule a joint meeting for the West Benzie Budget. The Treasurer went over some line items and explained the amounts on last year's budget. The supervisor presented some ideas on maintaining the cemetery.

Treasurer moved on to Fire Fund Budget. The Fire Chief explained some items including equipment that will reach their expiration date and will need to be replaced. He will plug in new figures on them.

The next budget meeting will be held on Tuesday February 11, 2025 at 3pm.

There was no public input. Meeting adjourned at 3:07pm.

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, Benzonia Township Clerk