

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

Special Meeting-Budget

February 26, 2025

Approved:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Jason Barnard at 1:30 PM.

Roll Call was taken with Burns, Barnard, Rose, Orr and Heller 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.

The Supervisor passed out copies of the 2025 Proposed Poverty Guidelines and explained how they were arrived at for the Township. He said he would entertain a motion to accept or deny the guidelines later in the meeting.

The Treasurer then passed out updated budgets for the 2025-2026 year, explaining all line items that were not covered in previous meetings. Trustee Orr started a discussion on the Wage and Salary page of the budget, being concerned that we are raising the salaries too much. The Supervisor passed out and discussed a correspondence sent to him stating the salaries of other Township Officials in the county, with most of them in smaller populated townships and lower taxable values. The budget will be updated by the Treasurer and lay on the table in the Clerk's office for the Month of March, 2025.

The Treasurer presented the 2024-2025 Budget Amendments (attached to these minutes) and explained to the Board line by line on what needed to be done. **A motion was made by Burns and supported by Rose to accept the Budget Amendments as stated on the attached list.** A roll call vote was taken with all board members voting Yes. Motion passed. The Treasurer then went over the WBJPC budget. **The Treasurer made a motion to accept the WBJPC budget but stated that it would not be accepted until Platte Township had a chance to review it and vote.** A roll call vote was held with all voting Yes. **The poverty guidelines were then voted on with Burns making a motion to accept the guideline as presented and Heller supporting.** A roll call vote was held and all voted Yes. **Burns made a motion to pay the bill from Spence Brothers for work done in January, 2025 which was held for further discussion by the Board.** A roll call vote was taken and all voted: Yes. Motion passed.

Several questions were posed from the Board: 1. How is the sale of this building going? The supervisor answered that it is going slow, but would have an update for us at our March meeting. #2. County

roads? #3. Price on helping with the basin in downtown Beulah. The supervisor will be getting answers for us at the March meeting.

Meeting adjourned at: 2:51pm.

Submitted by:

Diana L. Heller, Benzonia Township Clerk

- **Budget Amendments for March 12, 2025 meeting**
- **WBJPC Budget, to be approved by both Boards.**
- **Poverty Guidelines, 2025.**
- **Spence Brothers January 2025 bill.**