

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 9, 2016

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Sheets at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Sheets, Heller, Burns, Priest, Barnard.
Absent: None.
Staff: Fernelius, Neiger.
Guests: 3 guests in attendance & C. Carland, Comm.

Supervisor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Barnard to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Priest. Voice Vote: All Ayes.
Motion carried.

Motion by Barnard to approve the minutes for the Special Meeting of February 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.,
Regular Meeting of February 10, 2016 at 7:30 p.m., and Special Meeting of February 18, 2016 as
presented. Supported by Priest. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer presented a financial report for the month of February from the General and Fire Funds. (Copy
of report attached to minutes in the Record Book)

Motion by Barnard to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of February as presented. Supported
by Heller. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

- (A) Approval of bills
Discussion.

Clerk presented bills for the month of March.

Clerk presented to the board for their review, an end of the month Trial Balance.

Motion by Barnard that bills be allowed as presented by the Clerk. Supported by Priest. Roll Call Vote
:Sheets, yes. Burns, yes. Barnard, yes. Priest, yes. Heller, yes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Supervisor updated the board on several items.

Reported a letter from Platte Lake Improvement Association – request for funds supporting the 2016 Platte
Lake Swimmer's Itch Study. ***To be handled under New Business.**

STAFF REPORTS:

- (A) Fire Chief: Chief not present. No report.
- (B) Cemetery Sexton: Report received.
***Eric noted that the gates would soon be open.**
- (C) Township Attorney: No report.
- (D) Commissioner Report: Mr. Carland updated the board on several
items regarding County business.
- (E) Zoning Administrator: Report received.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comment received regarding the
Commissioner's report.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATION ITEMS: None.

PENDING BUSINESS:
(A) Committee reports were received.

Finance:

Motion by Burns to amend the 2015-2016 Budget to transfer \$5,000.00 from Contingency Account 101-980 reducing it from \$35,170.00 to \$30,170.00, and moving it to #751 Parks & Recreation Capital Outlay Account #751-970 raising it from \$2,000.00 to \$7,000.00. Supported by Barnard. Discussion. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Park:

Burns reported about a cart that the Park Maintenance man has selected at a cost of \$4,300 – and being held until purchase of it. Discussion.

Motion by Burns to purchase the cart as he has recommended to the board. Supported by Heller. Roll Call Vote: Burns, yes. Sheets, yes. Heller, yes. Priest, yes. Barnard, yes. Motion carried.

Policy:

*Barnard reported that an updated policy on purchasing will be ready to approve at the Township Board Special Meeting on March 22nd at 11:00 A.M.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Swimmer's Itch – Platte Lake Improvement Association – Request for Township support.

Discussion.

Motion by Barnard to give \$500 to the Platte Lake Improvement Association. Supported by Priest. Roll Call Vote: Barnard, yes. Burns, yes. Priest, yes. Sheets, yes. Heller, yes. Motion carried.

2. Renewal Resolution – Moratorium on Medical Marijuana

Discussion,

Motion by Burns to extend the moratorium for a period of 7 months. Supported by Barnard. Roll Call Vote: Sheets, yes. Heller, yes. Priestt, yes. Burns, yes. Barnard, yes. Motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT: Comment was received regarding Lake Township going through renewal of their Medical Marijuana Moratorium too.

Motion by Burns to adjourn. Supported by Barnard. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

The full proceedings of these minutes are on tape in the Clerk's office for thirty days after approval of them.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana L. Heller
Township Clerk

