

BENZONIA TOWNSHIP
1020 Michigan Ave. Benzonia, MI 49616

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: CLWA

April 21, 2025

Approved

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Barnard at 3pm, April 21, 2025.

Clerk read the special meeting notice: To discuss with our attorney, the ongoing lawsuit between the township and Crystal Lake Watershed Association and anything else that make come before the Board.

Roll Call was read, with all present: Barnard, Burns, Orr, Rose and Heller. Also present was our attorney, Ross Liesman from Mika Meyers and approximately 12 Benzie County residents. Supervisor Barnard introduced Ross Liesman and he went into a brief explanation of why the board was meeting. He also said that going into closed session was the way we had chosen to discuss the privileged and confidential letter concerning the case.

Burns made a motion to go into closed session and Rose supported the motion. All ayes, motion passed.

Supervisor Barnard cleared the room at 3:09pm.

(MEETING IN CLOSED SESSION)

The public came back into the room and Supervisor Barnard re-opened the meeting at 4:07pm.

Supervisor Barnard said he had an inquiry from a resident concerning monuments in the Benzonia Cemetery and if they were allowed in all sections. Discussion will be whether or not to amend the cemetery ordinance to allow for these types of headstones or monuments. It was decided to have the cemetery committee handle it and bring it back to the Board for consideration.

Supervisor Barnard gave the Board an email from Rich Gotardo, Benzie Central Varsity Baseball coach and his proposal for assistance with improvements and upgrade of the parks' ball diamonds. The Board will take it up for consideration at our next monthly meeting.

Public Comment: Supervisor Barnard then opened up the meeting for public comment with answers coming from the board when they deemed necessary. There were 5 comments in all.

Supervisor Barnard adjourned the meeting at 4:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana L. Heller, Clerk, Benzonia Township. Date: _____