

Benson Town Board

Regular Meeting

August 13, 2014

Minutes

Meeting Opened @ 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Supervisor Phil Snyder
Councilmen Robert Cox, John Shepard III, Doug Gregor,
Hwy. Supt. Cecil Blowers

Public Present: Cheryl Gregor, Michelle Cusano, Dick Barlow, John Stortecky, Peg Schutze

Motion to accept July 9, 2014 minutes as written moved by J. Shepard, 2nd by D. Gregor

Vote: R. Cox – Aye D. Gregor – Aye J. Shepard – Aye P. Snyder – Aye

Public Input: John Stortecky asked that his statements read be put into the minutes {see statements read}.

Mrs. Gregor reported that tickets are available for the Republican Picnic to take place at Oak Mountain on Sept. 6, 2014 – ticket prices, events to take place.

Peg noted that agenda for meetings is more informative and stated reasons for the necessity of being such.

Reports from Standing/Special Committees:

Mr. Cox, Bldgs. And Grounds Committee reported on items he would like to see done. The board requested a prioritized list with specs and costs of these items and will attempt to handle them in the order of their priority if and when time and finances are available.

A motion was made to designate funds for lighting of flag pole and ancillary costs involved.

Moved by R. Cox 2nd by J. Shepard

Vote: R. Cox - Aye J. Shepard – Aye D. Gregor – Aye P. Snyder – Aye

Motion Carried

Board Business Old: Viewing of new truck by all present

Board Business New: A motion was made to purchase new American Flag and POW Flag for flag post along with new stringing rope.

Moved by J. Shepard 2nd by P. Snyder

Vote: R. Cox – Aye J. Shepard – Aye D. Gregor – Noe P. Snyder – Aye

Motion Carried

Cecil will purchase flags from Taylor

Resolution # 61-14 Support for applying for Grant to build pavilion, emergency landing pad and recreation area.

Moved by J. Shepard

2nd by P. Snyder

Vote: J. Shepard - Aye

P. Snyder – Aye

R. Cox – Noe

D. Gregor – Noe

Resolution # 61-14 Null – did not carry

Letter from State Comptroller's Office read in regards to resuming payments to Town Justice

Re: Vacancy on Town Board

There appears to be a bit of difficulty interpreting information regarding the filling of this vacancy.

P. Snyder opined that candidate must file independent petition w/BOE by 5:00 PM, Aug. 19, 2014 to be on Nov. 2014 ballot.

Republican Party can nominate someone by Sept. 20, 2014 to be on the Nov. 2014 ballot.

An alternative would be to appoint someone in Jan. 2015 to serve a one year term. Mr. Cox, from information received from BOE and The Assoc. of Towns, believes you can appoint someone at any time to finish term until Dec 31, 2015 or if need be, reappoint them sometime in 2015. Mr. Snyder noted that at this time a candidate still had time to register for the Nov. 2014 ballot.

A vacancy notice will be put in the "legal" section of the Leader Herald Newspaper and a notice will be sent to "all interested parties" stating the vacancy and time limit involved.

It was suggested that a request be made to BOE and The Assoc. of Towns to respond in writing describing the laws pertinent to filling a vacancy of an elected official in an election year. Cheryl Gregor opined that a fifth councilperson is important at budget time.

River and Benson Rd. Garden was given the go-ahead.

Board reviewed monthly financial report.

Audit of Claims: Receivables - \$5293.00 Payables – \$8805.72

Gen. Fund Claim Nos. 210 – 230 dated 8-12-14 in the amount of \$6288.73.

Hwy. Fund Claim Nos. 210 – 230 dated 8-12-14 in the amount of \$2516.99

Motion to approve abstracts moved by J. Shepard 2nd by R. Cox

Vote: R. Cox – Aye

J. Shepard – Aye

J. Shepard – Aye

P. Snyder – Aye

Public Input: Mrs. Gregor noted that Mr. Barlow has agreed to fill vacancy and feels that the board should embrace it. She thought what she heard read to mean one could fill position now till the end of Dec. 31, 2015.

Mr. Snyder responded that they would look into the accurate understanding of the law.

Mr. Stortecky thanked Mr. Cox for his Bldgs. And Grounds Report and the Garden Committee for their work done.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30PM moved by R. Cox, 2nd by J. Shepard

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Cox

Town Clerk

August 15, 2014