

Benson Town Board
Regular Meeting
Nov. 12, 2014

Minutes

Meeting Opened at 6:30 PM
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Present: Supervisor Phil Snyder
Councilmen R. Cox, J. Stortecky, J. Shepard III, D. Gregor
Hwy. Supt. Cecil Blowers

Public Present: Mr. & Mrs. Fernandez, Cheryl Gregor, Arlene Rambush, Mr. & Mrs. Junquera, Johnny Stortecky, Nancy Stortecky, Dick Barlow, Peg Schutze, Scott Shepard

Motion to accept minutes of Oct. 8, 2014 as written:

Moved: D. Gregor 2nd J. Shepard
Vote: R. Cox – Aye J. Stortecky – Aye J. Shepard – Aye
D. Gregor – Aye P. Snyder – Aye

Motion Carried.

Motion to accept minutes of Oct. 15, 2014 special meeting as amended:

Moved: J. Shepard 2nd R. Cox
Vote: D. Gregor – Aye R. Cox – Aye J. Shepard – Aye
J. Stortecky – Aye P. Snyder – Aye

Motion Carried.

John Shepard spoke of OML – must call Bob Friedman of FOIL to find out “interpretation”

Phil made Resolution 65-14 to appoint J. Stortecky as Councilman to the Benson Town Board for the remainder of the 2014 calendar year. 2nd R. Cox

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

Resolution passed.

Molly Whitacker presented programs that are available for area children through the Youth Commission Program and asked that Benson participate in it for the 2015 year.

Public Input:

Dick Barlow: Cost per child?

Response: \$230.00

How many children live in Benson and participated previously?

Approx. 5

Is Sac. Helping Hands an option for the cost defrayment?

Yes, but paperwork must be filled out

Could parents contribute?

Could fundraising help?

Can we pay as we go through the program?

No, you may not

Peg: Can town afford it? Maybe children could participate in our plant/garage sale and have a lemonade stand.

Phil: We can probably find it on a line item in the budget.

Nancy: I don't think there is anyone in this room whose children have not participated

John Shepard made motion to enter into summer youth program for the calendar year 2015.

2nd R. Cox *

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

Motion Carried.

*Take money from contingency line item on Preliminary Budget (page 3?)

Phil made a motion to close Public Hearing; 2nd by J. Shepard

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

Motion Carried.

Board went through the Budget.

Johnny asked if there is documentation of hours put in by code enforcer

Yes, he submits a monthly report

Resolution # 64-14 to accept preliminary budget as adopted (final) budget for the calendar year 2015 passed.

Phil reported that the 2000 Pickup truck sold for \$541.82 and requested an amount of \$50.00 for fuel to transport it.

J. Shepard made a motion to authorize the Supervisor to take \$50.00 for fuel expense in the disposal of the pickup truck. 2nd D. Gregor

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

Motion Carried.

Phil reported that Benson's portion of the salt/sand shed built in Hope is \$1319.50.

Doug reported that in one year repairs on the dump trucks were as follows:

1993 - \$4967.00 1983 - \$2809.00

They were not as bad as he thought they would be.

The Benson Town Board agreed there is reason to meet with Hope Board and discuss financial future endeavors. Mr. Cox said that when we have a meeting with Hope, we must get a written contract for the current endeavor.

Public Input:

Cheryl: Why do we pay half of equip., etc. with Hope instead of a more fair portion due to population, etc.

Phil: We will look into it further

Cheryl: It appears as though Hope is getting the better end of the deal.

Peg: I agree that we should be paying a fair share of all expenses. When you meet with them, that is something that should be discussed.

Nancy: Who will arrange the meeting with Hope?

Phil: I will

Doug requested to see contract for dump equipment partially paid for by Benson.

Phil responded that he would get it and show it to him.

P. Junquera asked if Benson ever saw scrap material amount taken from the dump?

Phil: Don't know what Bob does with it but we will ask.

Payment of Abstracts:

Payables: Gen. \$1398.84 Hwy. \$5697.21

Receivables: Gen. \$154.92 Hwy. \$1848.38

Motion to accept abstract made by J. Shepard; 2nd by D. Gregor

Vote: R. Cox – Aye J. Stortecky – Aye J. Shepard – Aye

 D. Gregor – Aye P. Snyder – Aye

Motion Carried.

D. Gregor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM; 2nd by J. Shepard

Respectfully submitted

Jeanne Cox

Nov. 15, 2014