

Town of Benson
Regular Meeting
April 8, 2015

Minutes

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

Present: Supervisor Phil C. Snyder
Councilmen John Stortecky, John Shepard, Douglas Gregor,

Public Present: Peg Schutze, Dick Barlow

Public Input: Peg asked if Hwy. crew could dig holes for new "Welcome" sign?
Phil responded that he would bring it up at the next meeting
Peg asked if the Benson Town Board is going to allow snowmobiles on County Rte 6 and other county roads in the Town of Benson?
Phil responded that the subject will take more looking into.

Motion to accept minutes as written made by J. Shepard, seconded by J. Stortecky
Vote: J. Stortecky – Aye J. Shepard – Aye D. Gregor – Aye PC Snyder – Aye
Motion passed
Note: When referring to resolutions, mark them as passed or not passed

Phil read Mr. Cox's letter of resignation dated 4-7-15
Motion to acknowledge this resignation letter by J. Shepard; 2nd by P. Snyder
Vote: J. Stortecky – Abstain, J. Shepard – Aye, D. Gregor – Aye, P. Snyder – Aye
Motion passed

J. Stortecky made a motion to leave the Board at 4 members at this time until November 2015 Election
2nd by J. Shepard
Vote: J. Stortecky – Aye, J. Shepard – Aye, D. Gregor – Aye, P. Snyder – Aye
Motion carried

Buildings and Grounds

Research Hot Water Heater; Bathroom to have new Paddle Faucet, Hung Sink plus Plumbing for it to make it Handicap Friendly.
Phil made a motion to spend approx. \$250.00 on the above items to update bathroom; 2nd J. Shepard
Vote: J. Stortecky – Aye J. Shepard – Aye D. Gregor – Aye P. Snyder – Aye
Motion Carried

John Shepard notated the Power Line touching the Metal Roofed Shed this winter

Two bids from engineers came in for the proposed addition to replace shed at Town Hall and for records storage.
Peg asked if an addition was needed and may the Town Board do something less expensive?

Phil responded that access to the basement was needed. There is a need to keep the kitchen large to accommodate residents in case of emergency.

Peg asked how large the addition would be?

Phil: 14' x 8'

Peg asked what was in the shed?

Phil did not know but the generator is kept at the Town garage

Peg suggested moving the stove and using kitchen for records. She also stated that she believed an addition to the Town Hall was more than a small Town like Benson needed.

Doug feels the cost is too much for Benson. J. Stortecky agrees.

J. Shepard would like Town Clerk to look into Liberty Safes for storage of records. An alternate plan will be pursued.

Mr. Shepard made a motion for the Board to gather information from different sources and discuss at future meeting; 2nd by D. Gregor

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

Motion carried

Highway Committee:

Cemetery Committee:

A letter was read from deputy hwy. supt. Mr. George Blowers stating the highway crew would no longer dig graves nor be responsible for any part of burials. They now lacked the expertise.

The Board agreed and will draft a resolution giving this responsibility to the Funeral Parlors.

Doug asked about winter burials

Phil and J. Shepard responded that there are not to be any winter burials for a multitude of reasons.

Doug brought into discussion John G. Stortecky being on the cemetery committee.

John Shepard responded that committee members are to be Elected Officials as stated in Town Law Manual.

Phil requested a volunteer for the cemetery committee from the Board (no volunteer) and asked for a Special Meeting at the end of this month to go over maps, etc.

Legal Committee:

Justice Peters took his position on April 1, 2015. Court sessions will be as follows:

April: the 3rd Wed. of the month at 2:00PM

May thru Dec.: the 3rd Wed. of each month at 6:00PM

Past Justice Close's checkbook still to be audited. Justice Peters will start with a new checkbook.

Resolution #50-15A TRANSFER OF FUNDS (wording changed from Res. 50-15)

Moved by J. Shepard 2nd by J. Stortecky

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

Resolution Passed

Resolution #51-15 SPEED LIMIT ON STORER ROAD

Moved by: J. Shepard 2nd by: D. Gregor

