

Town of Benson
Regular Meeting
February 18, 2015

Minutes

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

Present: Supervisor P. C. Snyder
Councilmen R. Cox, J. Stortecky, J. Shepard, D. Gregor

Public Present: Dom Cusano, Nancy Stortecky, Cheryl Gregor, Peg Schutze, Alisha Blowers, Mrs. George Blowers, Bill Gagne, Beth Junquera

Motion to accept minutes of Jan. 5, 2015 Organizational Meeting as written:

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

Motion to accept minutes of the Jan. 14, 2015 Meeting as written:

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

Public Input: Peg Schutze asked about time of Cecil Blowers interment, the date of the scheduled committee meeting with Hope to discuss shared services and if the board planned on adding a member to the Hwy. Crew.

Mr. Snyder responded that all these matters were scheduled to be discussed at this meeting.

Alisha Blowers asked why the interment of her dad as per his request was postponed.

Mr. Snyder responded that Mrs. Beverly Blowers who had donated the plot requested that nothing be disturbed yet as others and headstones are already in place and may be damaged due to weather conditions.

Alisha asked why it hadn't been done before the snowfall.

Mr. Snyder responded that there was a need to find out exactly which site was given to Cecil.

A discussion occurred among the Board and Family concerning the situation.

Mrs. Junquera asked if the board would move forward as nothing in the conversation was solving the problems involved.

Mr. Cusano asked for resolution to the cemetery situation for all concerned.

Reports from Standing and Special Committees:

Bldgs. and Grounds Committee:

Mr. Cox moved Resolution # 47-15 regarding the Flag Policy

Mr. Cox made a motion for the RMO to do a Grant for Records Management; 2nd by D. Gregor

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

Mr. Cox made a motion to request the Benson Supervisor to negotiate with the Town of Hope Supervisor a comprehensive document that addresses all specific concerns of the Town Boards and Citizens of Benson and Hope. This should include but not be limited to:

The liabilities and responsibilities associated with the facility and what each town can expect in regards to construction, maintenance, repair, upgrade, or expansion, along with related equipment associated with the shared facility. The motion was seconded by Doug Gregor

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

D. Gregor – Aye P. Snyder – Nay

Mr. Snyder stated that Mr. Edwards is in the process of forming a committee to meet and discuss with Benson items of concern. Mr. Gregor is concerned about issues that may arise that we have not planned for and would not be aware to expect.

Ms. Schutze would like to see a written agreement with Hope soon.

The need for a temporary Justice was addressed in Resolution # 45-15.

A motion was made by J. Shepard to place an ad in the Leader Herald for a Permanent Town Justice for the Town of Benson; 2nd by R. Cox

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

D. Gregor – Aye P. Snyder – Aye

A motion was made by J. Shepard to place an ad in the Leader Herald for an Animal Control Officer for the Town of Benson till the end of 2015. 2nd by D. Gregor

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

D. Gregor – Aye P. Snyder – Aye

Note: Mr. Cusano volunteered his services for the position; Board will advertise to be fair.

BTI Training was discussed by Board. Mr. Snyder mentioned necessity of starting soon. Back up would be to call company previously in charge of it for estimate.

Resolution # 44-15 to establish a safety committee was tabled for more information.

Resolution 44-15 move to table by R. Cox 2nd by J. Stortecky

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

D. Gregor – Aye P. Snyder – Aye

Discussion of replacing Hwy. Supt. Ensued. Mr. George Blowers is satisfied being Deputy Hwy. Supt. And declined being appointed Hwy. Supt. The general thought among the Board is to wait for the election in Nov. 2015.

Audit of Claims:

Dec. 2014 Receivables: Gen. Fund \$477.89 Hwy. Fund \$27464.36

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| Jan. 2015 | Receivables: | Gen. Fund \$21726.82 | Hwy. Fund \$20144.44 |
| Feb. 18, 2015 | Payables: | Gen. Fund \$1969.76 | Hwy. Fund \$1271.68 |

Motion to adjourn moved by J. Stortecky 2nd by P. Snyder @8:47 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Cox, Town Clerk
February 20, 2015