

Benson Town Board
Special Meeting
Nov. 10, 2015

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

Present: Supervisor: Phillip C. Snyder
 Councilmen: John Stortecky
 John Shepard III
 Douglas Gregor
 Deputy Hwy. Supt. George Blowers

Public Present: Donna Blowers, Sadie and Jay Gander, Peg Schutze, D. Pincombe, Mr. and Mrs. Case, Norbert Lippig, Betty Flanders, Cheryl Gregor.

Public Input: Waived

Standing/Special Committees:
Bldgs. and Grounds

Hwy. Committee:

Board made decision to pay for fuel shortage (see Memo from NCS District) over the next two years. John Shepard made a motion for the Supervisor to send letter to NCS District stating such decision. The motion was 2nd by J. Stortecky

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

Town Clerk requested to send letter stating said decision.

Legal Committee:

Cemetery Committee:

The Board worked on the Tentative Budget

Doug would like to discuss reduction of pay for Hwy. Supt. due to new person taking that position. Doug would like an increase in pay to \$100.00 for Councilmen. The Board agreed with a raise in pay for councilmen. A consensus was made for leaving Hwy. Supt. pay set at \$35,081.00.

J. Stortecky made a motion to accept tentative Budget as Preliminary Budget

The motion was 2nd by J. Shepard

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

Salaries for 2016 are set as follows:

Supervisor: \$5400.00
Councilmen: 4x\$100.00x12=4800.00
Hwy. Supt.: \$35,081.00
Town Justice: \$2652.00
Town Clerk: \$4020.00
Tax Collector: \$915.00

Pubic Input: Mr. Gander feels there has been a contradiction regarding the amount paid for the position of Hwy. Supt.; that there was a delay in the setting of the pay.

Mr. Shepard: The salary is in the budget which is open knowledge to the public.

Mrs. Flanders reiterated that she would like Benson to have a three man Hwy. Dept.

Mr. Shepard: Thank you so much for your input.

Justine: I would like to have a petty cash fund of about \$150.00 to be able to make change if there is a need.

Mr. Snyder: It would be helpful to speak to Justice Peters and Mr. Hobbs.

Mr. Shepard: The request for a petty cash fund would have to come from the Unified Court System.

Justine: What about purchase of a robe?

Phil: Any purchase you make, please just send in a voucher for it.

D. Pincombe: Hwy. Supt. pay has been lowered in the past when a new Supt. has come into the position.

Phil: Thank you

Justine: I will be appointing a court clerk. What is the salary?

Phil: \$1500.00 to be paid quarterly.

Betty: Is there a possibility of a three man crew in the future for the Hwy. Dept?

Phil: That is the Highway Superintendent's decision. That decision does not belong to the board.

Motion to adjourn @7:27PM by J. Shepard; 2nd by P. Snyder

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Cox

Nov. 11, 2015