

BENTON TOWNSHIP

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The December 6, 2011, Benton Township Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL Five board members were present: Treasurer Ann Couture, Clerk Maureen Engle, Supervisor Bruce Brandt, Trustee Beverly Wixson and Trustee Charles Beckwith. In addition, Cheboygan County Commissioner Pete Redmond, Constable Timothy Fenlon and (21) twenty-one electorate were present.

MINUTES There was a motion by Trustee Beckwith and supported by Trustee Wixson to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2011 Benton Board Meeting and November 12, 2011 Special Meeting.

Motion carried by all present.

BILLS There was a motion by Trustee Beckwith and supported by Trustee Wixson to approve the expenditures for November 2011.

Motion carried by all.

CORRESPONDENCE

United States Department of Commerce sent a boundary and annexation survey to be completed by February 15, 2012.

There was a motion by Trustee Beckwith and supported by Supervisor Brandt to sign survey stating there are no changes in our boundaries.

Motion carried by all.

Charter sent a letter explaining the impending addition to their channel line-up serving the area.

Cheboygan County sent correspondence outlining their recycling program and asking local unites to renew their contracts. Benton Township put the issue on the ballot and the Benton Township voters elected not to participate in the County's Recycling Program. The Benton Township Board currently is negotiating a possible agreement for hazardous waste disposal partnership with Cheboygan County.

REPORT

Agnes Blaskowski, Benton Township Library liaison, reported that the library is advertising for snow removal bids. The library is purchasing a micro film reader/printer for public use.

OLD BUSINESS

There was a discussion held about a liability insurance policy from BKC for covering the liability of plowing the private roads that are currently part of the agreements with Cheboygan County Road Commission. The private road property owners will cover the full cost of this insurance. The property owners on Hudson Drive would like the minutes to state that 4 property owners paid the entire cost for insurance and maintenance on Hudson Drive. The three remaining owner refused to pay.

There was a motion by Trustee Beckwith and supported by Supervisor Brandt to sign private road agreements upon checking that the total amounts of money received is equal to the total expenses for the private road maintenance and insurance. In addition, Attorney Timothy MacArthur must review the BKC Insurance policy to confirm that it will protect the tax payers of Benton Township.

Motion carried by all.

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Treasurer Couture went to the pretrial for the case of Lyons vs. Benton Township and Aloha Township. Questions arose about the authority of the Aloha Township Board since said property is not a part of Aloha Township. In addition, Benton and Aloha Township taxpayers have use of the property through a dedication in the deed. A question arose about either township having authority for jurisdiction over said property. Judge Pavlich has relieved himself from the case since he has an affiliation with the plaintiff. Another judge will be appointed to this case.

There was a motion by Clerk Engle and supported by Treasurer Couture to request that Attorney Timothy MacArthur research who, if anyone, has jurisdiction over Big Sturgeon Avenue. Motion carried by all.

Supervisor Brandt reported that the board appointed to review the bids for the engineering of the new fire hall narrowed the selection to three firms. There three recommendations are United Design of Cheboygan, Trinity Architecture & Management, LLC, and Robert Kenyon & Sons, Inc. The Benton Township Board will review these three applicants for the January 3, 2012 Benton Township Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Cheboygan County Animal Control would like Benton Township to appropriate money toward animal control in our township.

There was a motion by Clerk Engle and supported by Trustee Beckwith to appropriate \$1,500 to the Cheboygan County Humane Society for animal control services from December 1, 2011 thru November 30, 2012. In addition, have Attorney Timothy MacArthur review the contract with the Cheboygan County Humane Society before signing. Motion carried by all.

Michigan Municipal Insurance Company would like Benton Township to either accept or reject an additional terrorism insurance coverage.

There was a motion by Trustee Beckwith and supported by Treasurer Couture to table this for further review until the January 3, 2012 Benton Township Board meeting. Motion carried by all.

The December Board of Review will be at 8:00 a.m. December 13, 2011 at the Benton Township Hall for correction of clerical errors, mutual mistakes in fact, and principle residence exemptions.

The board reviewed the parcel division from John Scheele parcel number 104-015-100-001-01. There was a motion by Treasurer Couture and supported by Trustee Wixson to approve the parcel division. Motion carried by all.

The Benton Township Hall has a problem with water seeping into the basement. Supervisor Brandt will find a contractor to assess the problem.

OTHER BUSINESS

The MTA meeting will be 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2012, at Grant Township.

BILLS

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Clerk Engle read the expenditures received to date. There was a motion by Treasurer Couture and supported by Trustee Beckwith to approve paying the expenditures for the month of December 2011.

Motion carried by all.

ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion by Trustee Wixson and supported by Treasure Couture to adjourn the Benton Township Board meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Motion carried by all.

December-11

| CHECK NUMBER | PAYEE | FUND | AMOUNT |
|--------------|------------------------------|------|--------------|
| | IRS | 101 | \$ 1,098.78 |
| 1954 | Postmaster | 101 | \$ 63.52 |
| 1955 | AT&T | 101 | \$ 256.99 |
| 1956 | Clayton McGovern | 101 | \$ 1,325.39 |
| 1957 | Emmet Cty DPW | 101 | \$ 782.50 |
| 1958 | J & N Refuse | 101 | \$ 1,756.57 |
| 1959 | National Office Supply | 101 | \$ 586.37 |
| 1960 | Toshiba | 101 | \$ 2,795.00 |
| 1961 | Williams Office Supply | 101 | \$ 250.00 |
| 1962 | Cheboygan CTY Humane Society | 101 | \$ 1,500.00 |
| 1963 | Cheb Cty Road | 204 | \$ 42,263.39 |
| 1964 | Granger & Associates | 101 | \$ 365.00 |
| 1965 | Ann Couture | 101 | \$ 4,429.50 |
| 1966 | Cheboygan Daily Tribune | 101 | \$ 51.00 |
| 1967 | Consumer Energy | 101 | \$ 85.74 |
| 1968 | Toshiba | 101 | \$ 1,285.00 |
| 1969 | Williams Office Supply | 101 | \$ 95.10 |
| 1970 | BKC Insurance | 101 | \$ 3,000.00 |
| 1971 | Robert Meden | 101 | \$ 94.35 |
| 1972 | Steve Skiera | 101 | \$ 94.35 |
| 1973 | Gary Williams | 101 | \$ 94.35 |
| 1974 | Consumer Energy | 101 | \$ 244.32 |
| DD197 | Charles Beckwith | 101 | \$ 298.00 |
| DD198 | Bruce Brandt | 101 | \$ 1,097.39 |
| DD199 | Ann Couture | 101 | \$ 1,442.78 |
| DD200 | Maureen Engle | 101 | \$ 1,365.69 |
| DD201 | Timothy Fenlon | 101 | \$ 397.59 |
| DD202 | Clayton McGovern | 101 | \$ 2,155.17 |
| DD203 | Beverly Wixson | 101 | \$ 284.55 |
| DD204 | Agnes Blaskowski | 101 | \$ 291.21 |
| DD205 | Douglas Felmlee | 101 | \$ 98.34 |
| DD206 | Elaine Kennedy | 101 | \$ 200.14 |
| DD207 | Dennis Kortz | 101 | \$ 317.98 |
| DD208 | Marvin Smith | 101 | \$ 415.14 |
| 1975 | Carquest | 101 | \$ 21.68 |
| 1976 | John Hancock | 101 | \$ 2,292.48 |
| 1977 | PIE&G | 101 | \$ 354.00 |
| 1978 | State of MI | 101 | \$ 620.82 |

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| 1979 | Mary Enos | 101 | \$ 130.28 |
| | | | \$ 74,300.46 |

SUPERVISOR BRUCE BRANDT _____

TREASURER ANN COUTURE _____

CLERK MAUREEN ENGLE _____

TRUSTEE BEVERLY WIXSON _____

TRUSTEE CHARLES BECKWITH _____