

BENTON TOWNSHIP

The February 2, 2010 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 (11) eleven electorates were present.

MINUTES There was a motion by Trustee Beckwith and supported by Trustee Wixson to approve the January 4, 2010 minutes and the January 19, 2010 Budget and Planning meeting. Motion carried by all.

BILLS There was a motion by Trustee Beckwith and supported by Trustee Wixson to approve the January expenditures. Motion carried by all.

CORRESPONDENCE

The MDEQ issued a permit in Section 8 T37N; R1W Benton Township.

REPORTS

Joseph Cunic spoke about the importance of the 2010 Census to the community. There are also job opportunities for area residents 18 years and older. The starting wage is \$11.25 per hour plus mileage of .50 cents per mile. Mr. Cunic left information about the 2010 Census at the Benton Township Hall.

Agnes Blaskowski, Benton Township Public Library liaison, reported that there have been many well received activities at the library.

NEW BUSINESS

There will be no increase in wages for the elected officials and the hourly employees for fiscal year 2010-2011.

Resolution 02-02-10 (1)

Resolution to establish Benton Township Supervisor Salary

BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution is subject to MCLA 41.95(3). In a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board.

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2010 the salary of the Benton Township Supervisor shall be \$14,218.00 per fiscal year exclusive of assessing duties. The salary of the Township Supervisor, who is properly certified by the State Assessors Board at the required level for Benton Township and actively performs the assessing duties of Benton Township, shall be \$34,200 per year. The Township Board member will be paid for attending the Cheboygan County Chapter of the M.T.A. and the spring meeting of M.T.A. at \$50.00 per meeting.

The foregoing resolution offered by board member Clerk Maureen Engle

Supported by board member Trustee Charles Beckwith

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted: "aye" Trustee Charles Beckwith-Trustee Beverly Wixson-Clerk Maureen Engle-Treasurer Ann M. Couture-Supervisor Bruce Brandt

"Nay" none "absent" none "abstain" none

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution 02-02-10 (2)

Resolution to establish Benton Township Treasurer Salary

BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution is subject to MCLA 41.95(3). In a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board.

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2010 the salary of the Benton Township Treasurer shall be \$17,407.00 per fiscal year. The Township Board member will be paid for attending the Cheboygan County Chapter of the M.T.A. and the spring meeting of M.T.A. at \$50.00 per meeting.

The foregoing resolution offered by board member Trustee Charles Beckwith

Supported by board member Trustee Beverly Wixson

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted "aye" Trustee Beverly Wixson-Clerk Maureen Engle-

Treasurer Ann M. Couture-Trustee Charles Beckwith-Supervisor Bruce Brandt

"Nay" none "absent" none "abstain" none

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution 02-02-10 (3)

Resolution to establish Benton Township Clerk Salary

BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution is subject to MCLA 41.95(3). In a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board.

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2010 the salary of the Benton Township Clerk shall be \$17,407.00 per fiscal year. The Township Board member will be paid for attending the Cheboygan County Chapter of the M.T.A. and the spring meeting of M.T.A. at \$50.00 per meeting

The foregoing resolution offered by board member Trustee Charles Beckwith

Supported by board member Treasurer Ann M. Couture

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted: "aye" Clerk Maureen Engle-Treasurer Ann M.

Couture-Trustee Charles Beckwith-Trustee Beverly Wixson-Supervisor Bruce Brandt

"Nay" none "absent" none "abstain" none

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Resolution 02-02-10 (4)

Resolution to establish Benton Township Trustee Salary

BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution is subject to MCLA 41.95(3). In a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board.

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2010 the salary of the Benton Township Trustees shall be \$2,847.00 per fiscal year and \$50.00 for any special meetings. The Township Board members will be paid for attending the Cheboygan County Chapter of the M.T.A. and the spring meeting of M.T.A. at \$50.00 per meeting.

The foregoing resolution offered by board member Clerk Maureen Engle

Supported by board member Supervisor Bruce Brandt

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted "aye" Treasurer Ann Couture-Clerk Maureen Engle-

Supervisor Bruce Brandt-Trustee Beverly Wixson-Trustee Charles Beckwith

"Nay" none "absent" none "abstain" none

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

I, Maureen Engle, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Benton Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Board of Benton Township at the regular meeting of the said Board held on February 2, 2010, at which meeting a quorum was present, by a roll call vote of said members as herein before set forth; that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

Treasurer Couture informed the Board that the Cheboygan Board of Education passed a resolution at their December 2009 meeting to have all of their school millage collected with the summer tax bill instead of the winter tax bill, to help the school district from having to borrow money to start up each school year. Couture further stated that when the State of Michigan

initiated the summer collection of the State Education millage, they also included a \$2.50/parcel to the collecting offices but only until another entity jumped on board with the summer collection. So now that the Cheboygan School District has changed their millage collection from winter to summer the State will no longer be paying the \$2.50 per parcel. Couture explained that she did not feel that the School District should have to take on the State's burden of having to pay a \$2.50 per parcel fee to the township because no other entity (County, library, intermediate school district, ambulance and/or senior citizens) is required to pay anything to have their taxes collected. The amount that Benton Township received from the State for the \$2.50 per parcel is approximately \$9,000 annually. Trustee Beckwith stated that he felt that the other townships in the county would be expecting the school district to pay the full \$2.50 per parcel and would look unfavorably on our township not demanding the same. A compromise could be that Benton Township would only charge \$1.25 per parcel.

There was a motion by Trustee Wixson and supported by Trustee Beckwith to charge the Cheboygan Area School District \$1.25 per parcel for collection of the school taxes.

Motion carried with 3 Ayes and 2 Nays.

There were three bids to install new carpet at the Benton Township Hall: Hagstrom Floor Covering, Inc. \$4,355.19, Johnson's Home Decorating Center \$5,200.00 and Cheboygan Carpet Outlet \$3,507.13. The bids all included 26 oz commercial grade carpet, carpet installation, tear out and disposal of old carpet.

There was a motion by Trustee Beckwith and supported by Treasurer Couture to award the bid to Cheboygan Carpet Outlet, Inc. for \$3,507.13.
Motion carried by all.

There are 3 bids pending for painting the Benton Township Hall.

There was a motion by Treasurer Couture and supported by Trustee Beckwith to award to bid to the lowest bidder and start the project as soon as possible.

Motion carried by all.

OTHER BUSINESS

The MTA meeting will be held on February 25, 2010, at 7:30 pm at Benton Township.

BILLS Clerk Engle read the list of expenditures received so far for February 2010.

There was a motion by Trustee Beckwith and supported by Treasurer Couture to pay the expenditures for the month of February 2010 after Supervisor Brandt checks out the invoice for J & N Disposal.

Motion carried by all.

ADJOURNEMENT

There was a motion by Trustee Wixson and supported by Treasurer Couture to adjourn the Benton Township Board meeting at 8:00 pm.

Motion carried by all.

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CHECK NUMBER	PAYEE	FUND	AMOUNT
	IRS	101	\$ 1,802.20
2033	AT&T	101	\$ 247.99
2034	Blaskowski Feed & Seed	101	\$ 31.92
2035	Cheboygan Daily Tribune	101	\$ 98.88

2036	Cheboygan Lumber Co.	101	\$	42.98
2037	Emmet CTY Public Works	101	\$	248.25
2038	Manufacturers Life Insurance	101	\$	54.00
2039	MIT	101	\$	50.00
2040	National Office Supply	101	\$	84.14
2041	Printing Systems, Inc	101	\$	50.00
2042	RWS Upper MI	101	\$	89.34
2043	Charles Beckwith	101	\$	362.27
2044	Bruce Brandt	101	\$	1,105.18
2045	Ann M Couture	101	\$	1,303.79
2046	Maureen Engle	101	\$	1,049.49
2047	Clayton McGovern	101	\$	2,154.46
2048	Beverly Wixson	101	\$	315.49
2049	Cheboygan Carpet Outlet	101	\$	1,753.57
2050	Consumer Energy	101	\$	236.20
2051	Trestain Painting LLC	101	\$	1,662.50
2052	Apex Software	101	\$	700.00
2053	PIE&G	101	\$	751.83
2054	Printing Systems, Inc	101	\$	13.43
2055	Servpro	101	\$	685.00
2056	Agnes Blaskowski	101	\$	147.76
2057	Douglas Felmlee	101	\$	51.63
2058	Elaine Kennedy	101	\$	204.75
2059	Dennis Kortz	101	\$	195.66
2060	Marvin Smith	101	\$	295.52
				\$ 15,788.23

SUPERVISOR BRUCE BRANDT _____

TREASURER ANN COUTURE _____

CLERK MAUREEN ENGLE _____

TRUSTEE BEVERLY WIXSON _____

TRUSTEE CHARLES BECKWITH _____