

The 5th day of February, 2019 Benton Township Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Four board members were present: Supervisor Andrew Archambo, Treasurer Ann Couture, Trustee Charles Beckwith and Trustee Mike Charboneau. Duty Clerk Carol Neumann sitting in for Township Clerk Jayne Passeno. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman and 8 electorates were present.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Treasurer Ann Couture added to new business Investment Policy.

MINUTES: A motion to accept the January 8th, 2019 minutes and bills paid in January was made by Trustee Beckwith and supported by Supervisor Archambo.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS: Supervisor Archambo will be attending the Annual Road Commission Meeting on February 20th at 11:00am if anyone has any requests for Benton Township. Trustee Beckwith has a meeting for Oak Hill s annual budget February 7th, 2019 at 7:00pm at Aloha.

LIBRARY LIAISON: Mary Ellen Enos reported that the elevator was fixed costing 630.00 dollars. The master control panel for the lights were fixed. The scanner was purchased and is up and running. The bank balance is \$ 98,871.46.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Pat LaCross reported CO leak and a fatal accident on M-23.

GROUNDSKEEPER: Doug Felmlee reported keeping up with the snow. Met with GFL Friday Feb. 1st to remove their dumpsters from transfer station. Doug has keys for the new dumpsters from Local. Supervisor Archambo reported that the contract with GFL went to January 31, 2019 not the 1st so they will have 3 recycling bins in February that Local did in January.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Supervisor Archambo read the Benton Township Resolutions for 2019-2020.

Resolution #2019-02-05 (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 annual meetings, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board.

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2019 the salary of the Benton Township Supervisor shall be the same as previous year at \$ 15,085.95 per fiscal year exclusive of assessing duties. The salary of the Township Assessor, 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 \$ 38,400.00 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 Chuck Beckwith

Supported by board member Ann Couture

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Ann Couture-yes, Chuck Beckwith-yes, Andy Archambo-yes, Mike Charboneau-yes, and nays were none.

Resolution #2019-02-05 (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 annual meetings, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board.

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2019 the salary of the Benton Township Treasurer shall be the same as previous year \$ 19,085.00 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 Andy Archambo

Supported by board member Mike Charboneau

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Chuck Beckwith-yes, Mike Charboneau-yes, Ann Couture-yes, Andy Archambo-yes, and nays were none.

Resolution #2019-02-05 (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 meetings, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board.

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2019 the salary of the Benton Township Clerk shall be the same as previous year of \$19,085.00 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 Ann Couture

Supported by board member Chuck Beckwith

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Ann Couture-yes, Mike Charboneau-yes, Chuck Beckwith-yes, Andy Archambo-yes, and nays were none.

Resolution #2019-02-05 (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 meetings, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board.

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2019 the salary of the Benton Township Trustees shall be the same as previous year at \$3,126.25 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 Ann Couture

Supported by Mike Charboneau

Upon a roll call, the following voted:

Ann Couture-yes, Andy Archambo-yes, Mike Charboneau-yes, Chuck Beckwith-yes, and nays were none.

Also the 2019/2020 support staff wages were agreed upon

Township/park/recycling custodian	\$13.00 per hour
Transfer station attendant	\$12.00 per hour
Grounds maintenance custodian	\$11.00 per hour
Office clerk/housekeeping	\$11.50 per hour
Office clerks	\$11.50 per hour
Community center custodian	\$11.25 per hour
Election chairman	\$225.00 per election \$50.00 per training
Election workers	\$200.00 per election \$50.00 per training
AV Board chairman	\$11.50 per hour if using sep. precinct

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Board of Review members	\$100.00 per meeting
Library Board Liaison	\$25.00 per meeting plus mileage
Constable	\$1,745.50 per year
Township Assessor	\$3,200.00 per month
IRS Standard Rate	
Mileage	0.58 per mile changed from 0.545
Minimum wage	\$9.25 per hour

A motion to accept the 2019-2020 staff wages was made by Chuck Bethwith and supported by Ann Couture.

Ann Couture gave board members copy of Investing Policy to review for next months meeting. Ann states theirs a CD due at First National bank in February 2019 but won't do anything until next meeting. Ann also states we need to go out of county for further investments. Ann is having our lawyer, Mr. McArthur write up an up to date policy. We are maxed in the institutions in Cheboygan and Citizins is below ----- . Ann Couture states we have over \$ 300,000.00, so shes thinking of putting \$100,000.00 into a CD . Dick Cartmill mentioned that Huntington was at 2.6 percent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS : Cordwood paving update. Got a windshield est. of \$139,614.20. Deb Berden (Secretary) will be gone for about 8 weeks and Carol will be gone for one week in March, wondering if we could get Michaela Buhrman who has worked here before to fill in while they're gone. Andy Archambo made a motion to hire Michaela and supported by Chuck Beckwith. All was in favor.Motion passed.

BILLS: Carol Neumann presented a list of bills for the Boards approval. Rivertown Do It Center for \$8.49, Werners for \$12.36, Local Sanitation for \$1100.00, Carquest for \$121.82, PIE&G for \$287.27, \$174.08, \$116.85, \$7.77, \$107.30 . John Hancock for \$2388.00, and GFL for \$1591.35. A motion by Treasurer Ann Couture and supported by Supervisor Andy Archambo. Motion was approved by all.

Budget meeting March 5, at 6:30.

ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion by Supervisor Andy Archambo and supported by Treasurer Ann Couture to adjourn the February Benton Township meeting at 7:30pm. Motion carried.