

BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 2, 2024

5012 ORCHARD BEACH ROAD CHEBOYGAN MI. 49721

The January 2, 2024 board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Present were 4 board members: Supervisor Bruce Brandt, Treasurer Jayne Passeno, Clerk Carol Neumann, and Trustee Pete Redmond. Trustee Ron Fenlon was absent. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman, Constable Tim Fenlon and 20 electorates were present.

Clerk added Ken Lind insurance and PIE&G to the correspondence. Trustee Redmond made a motion to accept the agenda with the add on's. The motion was supported by Treasurer Passeno and carried by all.

Supervisor Brandt made a motion to accept the December minutes and bills paid in December. The motion was supported by Trustee Redmond and carried by all. Mr. Ken Lind talked about giving Benton Township a price on insurance for 2024. PIE&G would like Benton Township to do a letter of support for them to pursue getting grants. Supervisor Brandt made a motion for Benton Township to write a letter of support for PIE&G and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all. Library Mary Ellen Enos reported that the library sidewalks are heated now and the bank balance is \$186,432.01. Captain Chuck Beckwith stated that Fire truck #2 is fixed and back in service. Grounds Keeper Doug Felmlee reported that a mattress was left at the recycling site on US 23. Clerk Neumann made a motion to accept the property split for Brown and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all. The board decided to have their budget meeting January 23, 2024 at 6:00pm. Clerk Neumann will put the budget meeting in the paper. Mr. Ross talked about the meeting held December 27, 2023 about the Orchard Beach Road bridge. Commissioner Mike Newman stated the next meeting on the bridge will be January 26, 2024. Commissioner Newman also stated that the 911 project has hired Exagon to build the system. Mr. Paquet talked about getting support for the bridge project. Supervisor stated that the board just got estimates on Mullett Woods Drive and John Werner Drive for tar and chipping road projects. Treasurer Passeno gave the board the financial report for 2023. Clerk Neumann read the bills that need to be paid in January. Treasurer Passeno made a motion to pay the bills for January and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09pm and was supported by Treasurer Passeno. The motion was carried by all.