

BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 3, 2023

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The January 3, 2023 board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Present was five board members: Supervisor Bruce Brandt, Treasurer Jayne Passeno, Clerk Carol Neumann, Trustee Pete Redmond, and Trustee Ron Fenlon. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman, Constable Tim Fenlon, and 13 electorates were present.

Minutes and bills: Trustee Fenlon made a motion to accept the December 6, 2022 minutes and bills paid in December. The motion was supported by Trustee Redmond and was carried by all.

Road Commissioner Mike Hall spoke on the Riviera Drive/ Addison Drive road project and answered questions from the residents. Mr. Paquet stated no news on the Mognrain bridge project yet. Mr. Paquet stated that tar and chipping roads is around \$45,000.00 a mile. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to have the 2023-2024 budget workshop on February 20, 2023 at 6:00pm. The motion was supported by Clerk Neumann and carried by all. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to use \$22,774.00 of the ARPA money for the balance on the new generator bought this summer. The motion was supported by Clerk Neumann and carried by all. The MTA conference this year is April 17th to the 19th in Traverse City. Treasurer Passeno and Clerk Neumann are planning on going. Fire Chief Ron Fenlon reported that one fire truck is down state being fixed and that the new firemen boots have come in. Chief Fenlon wanted to thank the firemen who responded to an assist lift on Christmas Eve during the storm. Grounds Keeper Doug Felmlee stated the new tractor is working very good. Supervisor Brandt stated that the board will look into the Blight Complaint on Hudson Drive in the Spring. Commissioner Newman stated that the new elected officers were sworn in this week. Mr. Couture wanted to know what was going on with his Blight complaint he sent in this summer. Supervisor Brandt stated that the Cheboygan Zoning was contacted. Supervisor Brandt stated that the Board Of Review training is February 15, 2023 in Gaylord. Four people from Benton will be attending. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to move money in the budget under GL funds (Insurance, Elections, Capital Outlay Old Fire Hall, Capital Outlay Community Center, Printing and publishing) and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all.

Clerk Neumann read the bills to be paid in February. Treasurer Passeno made a motion to pay the bills listed and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all.

Trustee Redmond made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm and was supported by Supervisor Brandt. The motion was carried by all.