

BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 4, 2022

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The January 4, 2022 Benton Township board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Five board members were present: Supervisor Bruce Brandt, Treasurer Jayne Passeno, Clerk Carol Neumann, Trustee Pete Redmond, and Trustee Ron Fenlon. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman, Fire Chief Gary Williams, Constable Tim Fenlon, Grounds Keeper Doug Felmler, Library Liaison Mary Ellen Enos, and 5 electorates were present.

Minutes and bills: Trustee Redmond made a motion to accept the minutes and bills paid in December and was supported by Treasurer Passeno. The motion was carried by all.

Correspondence: Supervisor Brandt read a letter from EGLE. Supervisor Brandt informed everyone that GFL is the township's Sanitation and recycling company. The budget meeting is set for January 24, 2022 at 6:00pm here at Benton Township. Treasurer Passeno read the Resolution to adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test for 2022. Upon roll call: Passeno (yes), Neumann (yes), Redmond (yes), Fenlon (yes), and Brandt (yes). The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Board Members Comments: Treasurer Passeno stated we got Swamp taxes of \$19,481.61 and state revenue taxes of about \$57,000.00. Clerk Neumann stated that the MTA Conference this year is April 25-28, 2022 in Lansing. Clerk Neumann stated she will need to up the budget on elections with all the changes the state is doing. Clerk Neumann asked permission to attend MAMC conference in Mt. Pleasant March 20 thru March 25. Trustee Redmond made a motion to have Clerk Neumann attend the conference and was supported by Supervisor Brandt. The motion was carried by all. Library Liaison informed the board of the electronic books and magazines the library has. Bank balance for the library in October was \$147,102.67 and in November was \$80,535.05. Fire Chief Gary Williams gave the board a rundown on all the calls in 2021. Trustee Fenlon stated that the Alverno Fire Hall #1 was open on the day of the wind storm in December as a emergency shelter. Grounds keeper reported keeping up with the snow and will be replacing ceiling lights with LED lights at hall.

Old business: The board has not received anything on Cyber insurance yet.

New business: The board decided to leave the Community Center closed to renting until April 2022. Supervisor Brandt stated he talked to Tim Bur who is selling a piece of property next to the Transfer station. Part of the old dump is on this piece of property. The board will look this over for the next meeting.

Public Comments: Commissioner Newman stated that the new Mental Hospital should be open by next fall.

Bills to Pay: Clerk Neumann read the bills to be paid in January. Treasurer Passeno made a motion to accept the bills to be paid and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all.

Adjournment: Supervisor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm and was supported by Clerk Neumann. The motion was carried by all.