

BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 5, 2021

2ND ZOOM MEETING

The January 5, 2021 Benton Township Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:08pm by Supervisor Bruce Brandt.

Roll Call: Five board members were present on Zoom: Supervisor Bruce Brandt, Treasurer Jayne Passeno, Clerk Carol Neumann, Trustee Ron Fenlon, and Trustee Pete Redmond. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman, Grounds Keeper Doug Felmler, Library Liaison Mary Ellen Enos, Fire Chief Gary Williams, Pat LaCross, Andy Archambo, Don Horrocks, Charles Beckwith, Dave Kidder, and Mr. MacArthur were on Zoom.

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

Correspondence: The Board received two bids for a two year contract on snow blowing three Alverno Fire Dept. halls. One from Ricky LaHaie and one from Lance McKay. Trustee Fenlon made a motion to accept Lance McKays bid and was supported by Supervisor Brandt. The motion was carried by all. Supervisor Brandt read a notice from EGLE.

Board Comments: Treasurer Passeno stated a CD was maturing and that she sent the board a copy of the budget report to look over. Treasurer Passeno stated that the computer tower in her office is old and needs to be updated. Treasurer Passeno got a price of \$769.00 for a new one. Trustee Redmond made a motion to buy a new keyboard and tower for the Treasurer and was supported by Trustee Fenlon. Motion was carried by all. Library Liaison Mary Ellen Enos stated that a donation of \$5000.00 was given to the Library and was put in the foundation fund. Library Balance is \$204,230.55. Fire Chief Gary Williams stated that the fire dept. had 1 ice rescue, 1 EM assist, 1 car fire, and 1 co2. Grounds Keeper Doug Felmler stated that lights were put on the Kubota so they could see when snow blowing. Supervisor Brandt and Grounds Keeper Felmler will be checking the Community Center for wrapping the windows with vinyl. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to accept the new meeting dates for 2021-2022 Benton Township and was supported by Trustee Redmond. Motion was carried by all. The board decided to have their budget meeting on January 18, 2021 at 6:00pm at Benton township Hall if the state opens up. If not, it will be a zoom meeting. Benton Township board received a request for cultivation recreational marijuana from David and Deborah Kidder. The board members looked at the ordinance #19-01 that prohibits recreational marijuana establishments in Benton Township, that was passed on May 7, 2019. The board decided to keep the ordinance as is.

Public Comment: Commissioner Mike Newman stated that the Veterans has put a proposal in to put a clinic here in Cheboygan. The District Health Dept. will be vacinating the Sheriff's Dept. tomorrow. The board approved the Clerk to pay all the bills in January. Mr. Horrocks questioned the board about

keeping a garbage can at the Road end on MrRae Drive. Supervisor Brandt stated that the Road Commission owns the road ends. The Zoom meeting ended at 7:37pm.