

## BENTON TOWNSHIP

The October 2, 2018 Benton Township Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Five board members were present: Supervisor Andrew Archambo, Clerk Jayne Passeno, Trustee Chuck Beckwith, Treasurer Ann Couture and Trustee Mike Charboneau. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman and 8 electorates were present.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

MINUTES: A motion to accept the September 4, 2018 meeting minutes and bills paid in the month of September was made by Trustee Beckwith and supported by Treasurer Couture. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: DEQ letter authorizing the revision to MDEQ Permit #WRP007341 for Thomas Weideman to add two addition rows of piers under the home that the engineer deemed necessary for structural integrity of the foundation.

State of Michigan Notice of Hearing for the natural gas customers of Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-Op requesting approval for reconciliation of its gas cost recovery (GCR) plan for the 12 month period of April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

A letter from Gerald Svetcos requesting Benton Township to purchase 1 or 2 "No Wake" buoys to be anchored on the Black River by Meyers Creek and to the south in Benton Township. A discussion regarding the purchase of buoys for the next year boating season and the placement and retrieval of the buoys by the Cheboygan County Sheriff Marine Division.

A letter from Senator Wayne Schmidt acknowledging the resolution by Benton Township regarding the House Bill 6049 and Senate Bill 1025.

REPORTS: Trustee Beckwith commented on the maintenance of the Oak Hill Cemetery. The water lines will be shut down for the winter, lime on the lawn has greatly improved the grass and the maintenance man has been cleaning the old headstones. The monthly MTA meeting hosted Megan Anderson and the tri county "Be Alert" program. Trustee Beckwith provided cards with information on this program and they are available in the office. Treasurer Couture reported that the Inverness Fire Department is replacing batteries in smoke detectors, upon request, throughout the County. Clerk Passeno reported on the lack of telephone service for the past week. AT&T should have the issue corrected by Wednesday, October 3rd. The ballots for the November 6th election arrived on Monday and will be mailed within the week. The last day to register to vote for the November election is October 9th.

LIBRARY LIAISON: Mary Ellen Enos reported that the computer lab is being refreshed with new floors, chairs and privacy screens. Four computers have been ordered. The LED lights for the parking lot have been installed. Emily Clare has accepted the position of Program Director. The account balance is \$208,836.33.

FIRE CHIEF: Chief Williams was unavailable for report. Pat LaCross updated on the AFD activity in the last month. A new ice rescue sled is being ordered for the Black River Road station.

GROUNDSKEEPER: Doug Felmler was unavailable for report, however he informed Supervisor Archambo on the recent maintenance for the Township. Trustee Beckwith suggested that an appointment to winterize the park restrooms be scheduled soon. Couture suggested hiring a window cleaning company for the hall and community center.

OLD BUSINESS: The Sheriff Dept. will be delivering an invoice to the offenders of household garbage dumping at the recycling center for \$160.02. The community center was damaged by the renters on September 21 and 22. A supply cabinet was broken into and other damages were incurred. The security deposit will not be refunded to Kyle Krull.

NEW BUSINESS: Ken Pletcher and Joe Breed from BKC Insurance presented their company's insurance programs for property and liability programs for municipalities. Due to the short time (November 1st renewal date) with the current insurance company, a quote will be submitted before November 2019.

The three year contract with Republic Services is up for renewal in January. An advertisement for bids will be placed in the local paper and the responses will be reviewed at next month's monthly meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Commissioner Mike Newman commented that the projected October completion on the addition at the County Building is not feasible and the corrections to the grade of the land around the new pole barn are in progress. Newman recently presented the Board of Commissioners with the results of his negotiations with the District 4 Health Department employees and administration. The contract for the medical program at the jail has been lost with the Health Dept. costing the County an additional \$50,000.00 annually. A change in administration was not supported by a majority of the Commissioners and the employees are continuing to resign.

MTA will be held October 25, 2018 at Inverness Township at 7:00pm.

BILLS: Clerk Passeno presented a list of bills for the Boards approval. A motion by Treasurer Couture and supported Supervisor Archambo by was approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion by Treasurer Couture and supported by Trustee Charboneau to adjourn the Benton Township meeting at 7:47 pm. Motion carried.