

BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

DATE: OCTOBER 3, 2023

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The October 3, 2023 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 5 board members: Supervisor Bruce Brandt, Treasurer Jayne Passeno, Clerk Carol Neumann, Trustee Pete Redmond, and Trustee Ron Fenlon. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman and 10 electorates were present.

Supervisor Brandt added blight to the agenda and Treasurer Passeno added Community Center rental agreement. Treasurer Passeno made a motion to accept the September minutes and bills paid in September. The motion was supported by Trustee Redmond and was carried by all. Trustee Fenlon asked to have the board member comments to be after public comments on the agenda. Supervisor Brandt stated that all the road projects this year are done. Treasurer Passeno stated that 92% of the summer taxes have been collected. Fire Chief Ron Fenlon stated that the State Fire Marshall will be here and will be getting some smoke alarms. Fire Chief Ron Fenlon asked that the board look at putting a third door in at Alverno Fire hall #1 at the next years budget. Grounds Keeper Doug Felmlee stated that the park restrooms will be closing this month. Doug Felmlee stated that the old fire hall needs some work done on the roof and sides. Treasurer Passeno stated that the Township hall and Fire station should be power washed next year. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to accept the Ehkahl property split and was supported by Clerk Neumann. The motion was carried by all. Trustee Redmond made a motion to accept the Gilbreath property split and was supported by Treasurer Passeno. The motion was carried by all. Trustee Fenlon made a motion to no longer have 14 days to sign and pay for renting the Community Center and was supported by Trustee Redmond. Supervisor Brandt voted yes, Trustee Redmond voted yes, and Trustee Fenlon voted yes. Treasurer Passeno and Clerk Neumann voted no on this motion. Benton Township will be recycling batteries for Benton Township residents. Commissioner Mike Newman stated that the McClaren Mental hospital is open with 3 patients so far. Mike also stated that 911 system is still being worked on. Mrs. Ross stated that they are still looking into a solar generator for the Transfer station. Clerk Neumann read the bills to be paid in October. Trustee Redmond made a motion to pay the bills and was supported by Trustee Fenlon. The motion was carried by all. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm and was supported by Trustee Fenlon. The motion was carried by all.