

Benton Township Board Meeting

October 5, 2021

The October 5, 2021 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, Constable Tim Fenlon, and 14 electorates were present.

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

Correspondence: Supervisor read a letter from EGLE. The Cheboygan Road Commission will be meeting with township officials November 3, 2021 at 9:30am on road plans for the next four years.

Reports: Clerk Neumann informed board that the Audit for 2019-2021 is done. Library Liaison Mary Ellen Enos stated that the concrete around library is done and the bank balance is \$284,157.51. Supervisor stated that the restrooms at the park will be closing this month for the winter and the road ends are set for winter.

Old Business: The board postponed the Blight ordinance until a later date. Clerk Neumann will be putting a bid in the paper for a 3 year contract with a sanitation firm. The board postponed until a later date on moving the recycling to the County. Benton Township got a grant for recycling tire so on October 23, 2021 Benton township will loading tires for recycling. The board talked about putting a road millage on the ballot next year. The board read the resolution from MDOT and upon roll call: Supervisor Brandt was yes, Treasurer Passeno was yes, Clerk Neumann was yes, Trustee Redmond was yes, and Trustee Fenlon was yes. The resolution was adopted. The board read the resolution from Charter and upon roll call: Supervisor Brandt was yes, Treasurer Passeno was yes, Clerk Neumann was yes, Trustee Fenlon was yes, and Trustee Redmond was yes. The resolution was adopted. Clerk Neumann made a motion to adopt the Governmental non-erisa retirement plan and was supported by Supervisor Brandt. The motion was carried by all.

New business: Clerk Neumann made a motion to have Captain Pat LaCross put a new operator system in at Fire Station #4 at the cost of \$1550.00 and was supported by Supervisor Brandt. The motion was carried by all. Treasurer Passeno made a motion to accept the Wade Aubert property split and was supported by Trustee Redmond. Supervisor abstained from voting and the motion was carried by the rest of board.

Public Comments: Commissioner Mike Newman stated he has not heard back on the Solar project and that Mary Ellen Tryban will be leaving. Commissioner Newman stated that the 911 system is still being worked on. The board had comments from 6 people who live on McDonald road and Carter road concerning the bad roads and ditches. Water drainage was a big problem.

Pay Bills: Treasurer Passeno read off the bills to be paid in October. Trustee Redmond made a motion to accept the bills to be paid and was supported by Supervisor Brandt. The motion was carried by all.

The next MTA meeting is October 28, at 7:00pm at Koehler Township.

Adjournment: Treasurer Passeno made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm and was supported by Trustee Fenlon. The motion was carried by all.

