

BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 2, 2021

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The November 2, 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 Ron Fenlon, and Trustee Pete Redmond. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman, Fire Chief Gary Williams, and 13 electorates were present.

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

Correspondence: Supervisor Brandt read three letters from EGLE. and two from Municipal Underwriters Insurance. Supervisor read the two bids the board received for sanitation and recycling. One from Local Sanitation and one from GFL. Trustee Fenlon made a motion to accept the GFL bid with the Option B for a three year contract and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was passed by four members with Supervisor Brandt voting no.

Reports: Treasurer Passeno reported renewing CD at MBank. Clerk Neumann gave the board copies of the 2019-2021 Audit to review. Benton Township is having the Cheboygan High School woods class make a large Michigan plaque for the conference room. Supervisor Brandt will be buying a new ladder for the Sanitation station. Library Liaison Mary Ellen Enos reported the Library has new tables and chairs and the bank balance is \$210,330.32. Fire Chief Gary Williams reported a slow October and the Fire Truck at Station #4 is fixed and running. Grounds Keeper reported that the truck loading of recycle tires went well.

Old Business: The board had 5 people voice their request for a blight ordinance. A note will be put in the News letter for public comments. With concerns on COVID, Supervisor Brandt made a motion to cancel the December 2, 2021 MTA meeting and was supported by Treasurer Passeno. The motion was carried by all. Treasurer Passeno will be getting info on Cyber Insurance for township.

New Business: The board looked over the News letter that will go out with the December tax bill.

Public Comments: Commissioner Mike Newman discussed the changes on the 911 board members for Cheboygan County. Commission Newman reported that the VA Clinic will be in Indian River. McClaren Campus will be opening a Mental Ward by the end of next year.

Bills: Clerk Neumann read the bills to be paid in the month of November. Trustee Fenlon made a motion to accept the bills to be paid and was supported by Supervisor Brandt. The motion was carried by all.

Adjournment: Trustee Fenlon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58pm and was supported by Supervisor Brandt. The motion was carried by all.