

BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 10, 2020

The November 10, 2020 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 Andy Archambo, Treasurer Ann Couture, Clerk Carol Neumann, Trustee Charles Beckwith, and Trustee Mike Charboneau. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman, Constable Tim Fenlon, and 9 electorates were present.

Minutes: Trustee Beckwith made a motion to accept the October minutes and bills paid in October and was supported by Treasurer Couture. Motion was carried by all.

Correspondence: Supervisor Archambo read 2 notices from EGLE and an email from an individual about the noise at Meyers Pit.

Board Comments: Clerk Neumann informed the board about November's election. Benton Township had 2096 people vote in last weeks election. With all the changes Michigan made, it was very busy for the clerk, with registering people until 8:00pm election night and early voting. Benton had over 100 people vote early the 4 days before election. Clerk Neumann thanked the secretary's (Deb Berden and Pattie Spinella) for the extra hours they worked. Clerk Neumann stated that all the election workers did a wonderful job. Trustee Beckwith reported that the state revenue sharing has not gone down as thought in the last 6 months. Trustee Beckwith thanked the board for the plus 20 years as being a Trustee and that he will still be helping Benton Township. Grounds Keeper Doug Felmlee reported that one semi load of tires were removed from the Transfer station and that is about a semi load still there. Hoping to get a grant to remove the rest next Spring. Felmlee stated the cement pads and gravel are done at the recycle areas. The park is ready for winter and the snow blower is ready. Treasurer Couture stated she ordered 2 benches and trash cans for the park.

New Business: Treasurer Couture made a motion the accept the bill for the Cordwood paving project for the amount of \$146,711.42 and was supported by Supervisor Archambo. Motion was carried by all. Supervisor Archambo made a motion to accept the bill for the Beebe Road project for the amount of \$203,590.63 and was supported by Trustee Beckwith. Motion was carried by all.

Public Comments: Commissioner Newman wanted to thank everyone for voting him in. Clerk Neumann reported that 3 amounts needed to be increased in the budget. Treasurer Couture made a motion to increase the amounts on the budget and was supported by Trustee Beckwith. Motion was carried by all. Supervisor Archambo made a motion to pay \$99.00 for (the upcoming Treasurer Jayne Passeno) to attend a MTA training November 24 and was supported by Clerk Neumann. Motion carried by all. On November 20, 2020 the new Benton Township Board will be Supervisor Bruce Brandt, Treasurer Jayne Passeno, Clerk Carol Neumann, Trustee Ron Fenlon, and Trustee Pete Redmond. The board will be changing names on all the banking accounts, CD's, and documents for Benton Township.

Bills: Clerk read the list of bills to be paid in the month of November. Treasurer Couture made a motion to pay the bills listed and was supported by Trustee Beckwith. Motion was carried by all.

Adjournment: Treasurer Couture made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm and was supported by Supervisor Archambo. Motion was carried by all.