

BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 7, 2023 AT 7:00PM

5012 ORCHARD BEACH ROAD CHEBOYGAN MI. 49721

The November 7, 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, Constable Tim Fenlon and 8 electorates were present.

Board member comments was moved after public comments on the agenda. Trustee Redmond made a motion to accept the October 3rd minutes and bills paid in October. The motion was supported by Trustee Fenlon and carried by all. Supervisor Brandt read three letters from EGLE. Supervisor Brandt and Trustee Redmond met with Cheboygan County Road Commission last week on the roads that need repairs for the next 2024 year. Supervisor Brandt stated that the Riviera and Addison Drive paving project is done. Library Liaison Mary Ellen Enos reported that the Library has 8 wi-fi hot spots to loan out. The Library bank balance is \$259,339.93. Trustee Fenlon reported that one fire truck is at CSI getting fixed as a result from the fire at the tissue plant. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to approve the township news letter that will be sent out in the winter taxes and was supported by Clerk Neumann. The motion was carried by all. Treasurer Passeno stated she will contact the insurance company for a speaker for the MTA here Dec. 7, 2023. Treasurer Passeno read the Township meeting public comment resolution. The foregoing resolution offered by board member Treasurer Passeno and supported by Supervisor Brandt. Those voting yes: Treasurer Passeno, Clerk Neumann, Supervisor Brandt, Trustee Redmond, and Trustee Fenlon. Those voting no: none. Supervisor Brandt declared the resolution adopted. Supervisor Brandt stated to wait until April on the new blight complaint received. Treasurer Passeno asked the board to go to a Financial conference December 5, 2023 in Mount Pleasant. Trustee Fenlon made a motion for Treasurer Passeno to go to conference and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all. Commissioner Newman informed the board that the new VA Clinic in Indian River is open. The Mental facility in Cheboygan is open to a few patients so far. Cheboygan has bids out for construction of a juvenile jail cell. Clerk Neumann read the bills to be paid in November. Trustee Fenlon made a motion to pay the bills and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm and was supported by Treasurer Passeno. The motion was carried by all.