

## BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 7, 2021

5012 ORCHARD BEACH ROAD CHEBOYGAN MI. 49721

The December 7, 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, Fire Chief Gary Williams, and 8 electorates were present.

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

Correspondence: Supervisor Brandt read three letters on the Blight Ordinance (1 against and 2 for the blight), One letter about Pipe Line #5, and one letter from EGLE.

Board Comments: Lance Johnson will be taking the cell phone we have for the Transfer Station. Marv Smith stated to the board that he is retiring but will help out if needed. The board received papers from Marianne Brejcha that she can come back to work. The board decided on January 24, 2022 at 6:00pm for their budget meeting.

Fire Chief Gary Williams stated November was a busy month with calls. The fire dept. has two new firemen joining and has lost 3 firemen this year.

Grounds Keeper Doug Felmler stated that the Light at Fire Hall #4 on US 23 is broke and recommends LED lights be put in. Doug suggested we look into paving Orchard Beach Road to the recycling area. Doug will check to see if the recycling bins will fit in the storage garage next door.

Old Business: Treasurer Passeno stated we should be looking into getting Cyber Insurance for Benton Township.

New Business: Supervisor Brandt made a motion to close the Community Center for rentals for December and go month to month on opening it up because of the COVID spike. This was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all. Treasurer Passeno made a motion to accept the property split for Carl Laviolette with Assessor McGovern's approval and was supported by Trustee Fenlon. The motion was carried by all. Treasurer Passeno showed the board info on frisbee golf for the park and Trustee Fenlon talked about putting in Corn hole sets at the park.

Public Comments: Commissioner Newman stated the hospital is having a meeting Monday morning on the process of the new mental Hospital.

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

Adjournment: Trustee Redmond made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm and was supported by Treasurer Passeno. The motion was carried by all.

