

BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 15, 2020

1ST ZOOM MEETING

The December 15, 2020 Benton Township board meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Supervisor Bruce Brandt.

Roll Call: Five Board members were present on Zoom: Supervisor Bruce Brandt, Treasurer Jayne Passeno, Clerk Carol Neumann, Trustee Pete Redmond, and Trustee Ron Fenlon. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman, Grounds keeper Doug Felmlee, Charles Beckwith, and Pat LaCross were on Zoom.

Minutes: Treasurer Passeno made a motion to accept the November 10 minutes, November 18th special board meeting minutes, and the bills paid in November and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all.

Correspondence: Supervisor Brandt spoke about the MTA and that they need a chairman and secretary. Supervisor stated that PIE&G will be cleaning under the power lines this winter. The board stated that people should be informed about going to the County to get a permit (good for one year) for getting rid of liquids like paint and other things that Benton does not take. Treasurer Passeno read the resolution 2020-12-06 on Poverty Exemption. Trustee Redmond made a motion to adopt the resolution and was supported by Trustee Fenlon. Upon roll call: Supervisor Brandt was Aye, Treasurer Passeno was Aye, Clerk Neumann was Aye, Trustee Redmond was Aye, and Ron Fenlon was Aye. The resolution was adopted by all. Treasurer Passeno read the Resolution 2020-12-05 to designate Assessor for Cheboygan County. Trustee Redmond made a motion to adopt the 2020-12-05 resolution and was supported by Supervisor Brandt. Upon roll call: Treasurer Passeno was Aye, Clerk Neumann was Aye, Trustee Fenlon was Aye, Trustee Redmond was Aye, and Supervisor Brandt was Aye. The resolution was adopted by all. The Board decided to close the Community Center for rentals until February 29, 2021 because of Covid.

Board Comments: Clerk Neumann will be ordering more dump tickets and would like the board to look over the charges we are charging for the services in the near future. Treasurer Passeno stated that a CD will be maturing soon and would like to keep it there. Treasurer Passeno stated we should get bids out for fixing the township hall, (soffit and ramp, etc.). Supervisor Brandt stated he will look into this. The Library Liaison, Mary Ellen Enos was absent. Fire Chief Gary Williams was absent.

At about 7:35pm, our Zoom meeting was hacked and it was bad. The host mute button did not work on this and the meeting was shut down. About 10 minutes later, the board members went back on to the meeting site. Clerk Neumann called the people that were on the meeting and reconnected with the same Zoom number.

Grounds Keeper: Doug Felmler stated that an electrician will be needed for the Community Center on the outside lights and fuse panel. Doug recommended snow blowing the park trail for the residents and the board thought it was a good idea.

New Business: Supervisor Brandt stated that Pete Redmond was interested in being on the Alverno Fire Board with his experience of being a fireman for about 20 years. Trustee Fenlon made a motion to appoint Pete Redmond as a board member of the Alverno Fire Board for Benton Township and was supported by Treasurer Passeno. The motion was carried by all. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to appoint Trustee Ron Fenlon for the Oak Hill Cemetery board and was supported by Treasurer Passeno. The motion was carried by all. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to have Doug Felmler, Charles Reiger, and Gerald Sveteos for the Board of Review for Benton Township and was supported by Clerk Neumann. The motion was carried by all.

Public Comments: Commissioner Newman stated that the Township should look over the blight ord. for approval.

At 8:20pm our Zoom was ended because of the 40 minutes we had.

At 8:22pm, Supervisor Brandt and Trustee Redmond called Clerk Neumann on the phone and continued the meeting. Clerk Neumann read the bills to be paid in the month of December. Trustee Redmond made a motion to accept and pay the bills for the month of December and was supported by Supervisor Brandt. The motion was carried by all.

Supervisor Brandt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all.