

BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 2, 2021 7:00PM

3RD ZOOM MEETING

The February 2, 2021, Benton Township regular Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor Bruce Brandt.

Roll Call: Four board members were in attendance: Supervisor Bruce Brandt, Clerk Carol Neumann, Trustee Pete Redmond, and Trustee Ron Fenlon. Absent was Treasurer Jayne Passeno. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman, Charles Beckwith, Jeremy Runstrom, Deb Berden, Jerry Svetcos, Melissa Bridges, Mary Ellen Enos, Deb Kidder, Jodie Brown, Pat LaCross, and Jamie Gahn were on Zoom.

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

Correspondence: Supervisor Brandt read a letter from PIE&G requesting that Benton Township sign a Franchise agreement with them to install and maintain a broadband (high speed internet) in Benton Township. The board will discuss this at the March 2, 2021 meeting. Geotech Inc. sent a letter also on Fiber optics in our area. Clerk Neumann read a resolution appointing Freedom of Information Act Coordinator who will be Carol Neumann, Benton Township clerk. The resolution was offered by Trustee Redmond and seconded by Supervisor Brandt. Upon roll call the following voted "Aye"- Trustee Fenlon, Trustee Redmond, Supervisor Brandt and Clerk Neumann. No one voted "nay". Supervisor declared the resolution adopted and will be putting the FOIA on our Website.

Reports: Library Liaison Mary Ellen Enos informed the board that the Library will be getting a new furnace and the bank balance for January was \$177,247.77.

Old Business: Supervisor Brandt stated that the Budget will be done at the March meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Kidder gave the board documents from other townships on the ordinances for marijuana establishments. On public comments, Melissa

Bridges, Jeremy Runstrom, Jamie Brown, and Jodie Brown all spoke of their concerns regarding this. Supervisor and board members discussed this request and asked questions. The board decided to keep the Opt-out resolution done in 2019 in place at this time.

Adjournment: Trustee Redmond made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm and was supported by Supervisor Brandt. The motion was carried by all.