

BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 6, 2024 AT 7:00PM

5012 ORCHARD BEACH ROAD CHEBOYGAN MI. 49721

The February 6, 2024 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 4 board members: Supervisor Bruce Brandt, Clerk Carol Neumann, Trustee Pete Redmond, and Trustee Ron Fenlon. Absent was Treasurer Jayne Passeno. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman and 11 electorates were present.

Clerk Neumann added to the agenda: Top O Mich. outboard racing club and letters from DTE. Trustee Redmond made a motion to accept the additions to agenda and was supported by Trustee Fenlon. The motion was carried by all. Trustee Redmond made a motion to accept the Jan. 2, 2024 minutes, Jan. 23, 2024 budget workshop minutes and bills paid in January. The motion was supported by Trustee Fenlon and carried by all. Supervisor Brandt read a letter from the Wartella family about having a hospital in Cheboygan. Clerk Neumann made a motion to waive the "no wake" ordinance for August 10, 2024 for the Top O Michigan Outboard Racing Club. The motion was supported by Trustee Redmond and was carried by all. Library Liaison Mary Ellen Enos reported that the library received \$600 from Mrs. Neiland's memorial. There will be a quilt showing at the library in March. The Library's bank balance is \$209,802.26. Fire Chief Fenlon reported that they had 3 house fires in January. The fire department had a hover craft exercise on Black Lake. Supervisor stated that the township received a new slide and stepping blocks for the playground and will be putting them out this spring. Supervisor Brandt read the resolutions purposed on hourly wages and salary for 2024-2025. The resolutions were adopted. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to accept the meeting dates for 2024-2025 year and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all. Commission Mike Newman reported that the Juvenile cell is being constructed now. Some board members went to the meeting on the Orchard Beach bridge. They bundled some bridges together hopefully for some financial help. Opening of a Hospice house was talked about. The board will be having a budget workshop on February 19, 2024 at 6:00pm. Clerk Neumann read a list of bills to be paid in February. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to pay the bills listed and was supported by Trustee Fenlon. The motion was carried by all. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm and was supported by Clerk Neumann. The motion was carried by all.