

BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 7, 2022 5:00PM

5012 ORCHARD BEACH ROAD CHEBOYGAN MI. 49721

The February 7, 2022 Benton Township board meeting was called to order at 5:00pm 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 Ron Fenlon, and Trustee Pete Redmond. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman, Fire Chief Gary Williams, Grounds Keeper Doug Felmlee, and 6 electorates were present.

Minutes and Bills: Treasurer Passeno made a motion to approve the January 4th and January 24th budget meeting minutes and bills paid in January. Supervisor Brandt supported the motion and was carried by all.

Correspondence: Supervisor Brandt read two letters from EGLE and one from Tip of Mi. Outboard racing. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to waive the "no wake" ordinance for the August 13, 2022 race and was supported by Treasurer Passeno. The motion was carried by all. A motion was made by Trustee Redmond to adopt a Resolution of intent opposing incorporation as a Charter Township and was supported by Clerk Neumann. Upon roll call: Treasurer Passeno-Yes, Pete Redmond-yes, Supervisor Brandt-yes, Trustee Fenlon-yes, and Clerk Neumann-yes. No nays and the Resolution is adopted. Treasurer Passeno made a motion to accept the meeting dates for the 2022-2023 fiscal year and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all.

Board member comments: Clerk Neumann informed board that she has a Deputy Clerk who is Vickie Rodriguez. Lance Johnson will be working at the Transfer station and has two people who will fill in for him. They are Chuck Getz and Robert Ross. Supervisor Brandt read the wages for 2022-2023 fiscal year with only one change and that was the assessor who went from \$40,320.00 to \$42,000.00. Trustee Redmond made a motion to accept the resolution on 2022-2023 wages and was supported by Trustee Fenlon. The motion was carried by all. Clerk Neumann will be ordering more Transfer station tickets this month.

Fire Chief Gary Williams reported the fire calls this last month. AAA has a grant for first responders and Chief Williams asked if the board would write a letter of support for him.

Grounds Keeper Doug Felmlee reported keeping up with snow. Supervisor Brandt stated we should think about trading the old snow blower in on a new one. Grounds Keeper Felmlee

reported that 2020 lbs. of batteries were picked up by Battery Solutions for recycling at a cost of \$1047.04.

Old Business: Trustee Fenlon stated that after putting the Blight Ordinance in the News letter and on the Website for the people to respond, the response was mostly with the approval of it. Trustee Fenlon made the motion to approve the Blight Ordinance and was supported by Treasurer Passeno. The motion was passed by four board members with Supervisor Brandt with a no. The Ordinance will be put in the paper by the Clerk. Trustee Redmond made a motion to put a bid in at \$37,600.00 for the 31 acres around the Transfer Station since part of the property is where the old dump used to be. The motion was supported by Trustee Fenlon and was carried by all.

Public comments: A question was asked about when the Mograin bridge would be done.

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

Adjournment: Trustee Redmond made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20pm and was supported by Supervisor Brandt. The motion was carried by all.