

BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 7, 2023

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The February 7, 2023 board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Present was four board members: Supervisor Bruce Brandt, Clerk Carol Neumann, Trustee Ron Fenlon, and Trustee Pete Redmond. Absent was Treasurer Jayne Passeno. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman, Constable Tim Fenlon, and 3 electorates were present.

Minutes and bills: Trustee Redmond made a motion to accept the January 3, 2023 minutes and bills paid in January. The motion was supported by Trustee Fenlon and carried by all.

Supervisor Brandt read two letters from EGLE. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to pay \$50 for the annual MTA dues for Benton Township and was supported Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all. Supervisor Brandt stated the new furnace at the Community Center is in. The board will be using the ARPA money to pay for this. Trustee Fenlon made a motion to go with what the Treasurer and Clerk decides on the grant writers for the Spark grant and was supported by Supervisor Brandt. The motion was carried by all. Trustee Redmond stated that no blight complaints will be reviewed until spring. Library Liaison Mary Ellen Enos stated that the Library is looking for a new Director. The Library bank balance is \$121,819.49. The Benton Township budget workshop is February 20, 2023 at 6:00pm at Benton Township Hall. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to accept the meeting dates for 2023-2024 fiscal year and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all. The board read the 2023-2024 wage resolution #2023-2024-02 and upon roll call, adopted the resolution. Supervisor Brandt is getting information on timbering the Transfer station property and putting in a stump dump. Commissioner Mike Newman spoke about the loss of Mr. Tebo and the progress needed in Cheboygan.

Clerk Neumann read the 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.

Clerk Neumann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all.