

## BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

MARCH 1, 2022 AT 7:00PM

5012 ORCHARD BEACH ROAD CHEBOYGAN MI. 49721

The March 1st, 2022 Benton Township board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm 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 Pete Redmond, and Trustee Ron Fenlon. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman, Constable Tim Fenlon, and 7 electorates were present.

Minutes: Trustee Fenlon made a motion to approve the February 7th and bills paid in February. Trustee Redmond supported the motion and was carried by all.

Correspondence: Supervisor Brandt read a letter from EGLE. Supervisor Brandt signed an application from Cheboygan County Road Commission for the brining of roads this year.

Board Comments: Treasurer Passeno informed the board that she has received 95% of the winter taxes so far. Treasurer Passeno showed the board 2 items to purchase for the playground. Clerk Neumann gave the dates for the Benton Township Board of Review which is March 14, from 9am to 3pm and March 15, from 3pm to 9pm here at the hall. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to pay for Deputy Clerk Vickie Rodriguez bond and swearing in for being a notary and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all. Trustee Fenlon made a motion to open the Community Center for rentals starting April 1, 2022 and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all. Clerk Neumann informed the board that she purchased Adobe DC for the computer at hall. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to pay \$2000.00 to the Cheboygan Humane Society for our annual contract and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all.

Library Liaison Mary Ellen Enos reported that March is quilt month at the Library. The Library will be getting their doors and railings fixed. The Library balance is \$420,152.93.

Old Business: Supervisor Brandt reported he will be putting bids in the paper for a new snow blower and a generator for the Hall and Community Center. Trustee Fenlon made a motion to counter bid on the purchase of property by the Transfer station to \$41,100.00 and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all.

New Business: After questions on the Blight policy & procedures, the board will continue at the April 5, board meeting. Trustee Redmond made a motion to accept the 2022-2023 budget and was supported by Treasurer Passeno. The motion was carried by all. The Oak Hill cemetery

annual meeting is set for March 17, 2022. The board did not get notice on the 911 system board yet.

Public Comments: Commissioner Mike Newman reported that the Solar project has extended their project another year. The Hospital is extending their project to 2023. Mrs. Lange at the County will help people applying for grants. Mr. Ross stated that there are a lot of grants out there.

Bills: Clerk Neumann read the bills to be paid in the month of March. Treasurer Passeno made a motion to approve the bills and was supported by Supervisor Brandt. The motion was carried by all.

The next MTA is March 31, 2022 at Beaugrand Township.

Adjournment: Supervisor Brandt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47pm and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all.