

BENTON TOWNSHIP

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2019/2020 BENTON TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Supervisor Archambo opened the public hearing on the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget at 6:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Four board members were present: Supervisor Andrew Archambo, Treasurer Ann Couture, Clerk Jayne Passeno, Trustee Charles Beckwith. Trustee Mike Charboneau was absent. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman 4 electorates were present.

Supervisor Archambo presented the requested budget for the 2019/2020 fiscal year. Treasurer Couture made a motion to accept the 2019/2020 budget as presented. Support was made by Trustee Beckwith. Motion passed. Supervisor Archambo open the floor for public comment. No comments. Clerk Passeno made a motion to close the Budget Meeting at 6:39 with support from Supervisor Archambo. Motion passed.

The 5th day of March, 2019 Benton Township Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Four board members were present: Supervisor Andrew Archambo, Treasurer Ann Couture, Clerk Jayne Passeno, Trustee Charles Beckwith. Trustee Mike Charboneau was absent. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman 4 electorates were present.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

MINUTES: A motion to accept the February 5, 2019 minutes and bills paid in February was made by Trustee Beckwith and supported by Supervisor Archambo. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Top O Michigan Outboard Racing Club requested a waiver of the "no wake" ordinance for the scheduled Marathon National Championship race on August 10th and 11th 2019. Trustee Beckwith made a motion to authorize the no wake variance supported by Treasurer Couture. Motion passed.

State of Michigan Before the Michigan Public Service Commission Notice of Hearing for the Gas Customers of DTE Gas Company. DTE Gas Company requests Michigan Public Service Commission's approval of its application for Reconciliation of its Revenue Decoupling Mechanism for the period November 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-Op home rule natural gas rate announcement per 2006 agreement. the Gas Cost Recovery Rate will be reduced 0.0004 cents as the GCR is lowered from \$0.4158 to \$0.4154 per ccf as of 4/1/19.

REPORTS: Treasurer Couture reported that the 2018 season for property tax collection at Benton Township has ended and she is ready to settle with the Cheboygan County Treasurer for the year.

Clerk Passeno requested the purchase of a message center to be mounted on the hall next to the entrance door. Supervisor Archambo made a motion to purchase the message center from Kirby Built for \$698.00 and support was made by Trustee Beckwith. Motion carried.

LIBRARY LIAISON: Mary Ellen Enos reported that a member of the library staff will offer individualized technology help one day a week. An out reach program for seniors and assisted living residents that can't get to the library has been initiated. The painting is done in the gallery. Quilts are on display at the library. bank balance is \$246,438.99.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Williams was unavailable for comment.

GROUNDSKEEPER: Doug Felmler reported on the continuous snow removal. A new cutting edge was purchased for the kubota scraper. Cherry Capital Connection is offering high fiberoptics from south of Vanyea Road along Black River Road to Wartella Road and the surrounding area. A 55% interest from the residents is required to move forward with this project that would start in late April and finish by September 2019.

OLD BUSINESS: Resolution for Post Audit Policy was addressed. Treasurer Couture suggested changes to the resolution and after a discussion the updated resolution will be presented at next month's meeting.

Trustee Beckwith made a motion to approve the Benton Township Investment Policy and Depository Resolution, with the exception of listing all financial institutions on one resolution. Individual resolutions will be made for each Financial Institution that Benton Township conducts business with. Support was made by Supervisor Archambo. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Treasurer Couture made a motion to accept the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget that was approved at the annual meeting. Support was made by Trustee Beckwith. Motion passed.

A motion to accept the Benton Township monthly meeting dates for 2019/2020 was made by Supervisor Archambo and support by Trustee Beckwith. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the Budget Adjustments as presented by Clerk Passeno was made by Trustee Beckwith and supported by Supervisor Archambo. Motion carried.

General Fund		
101-101-998.000	Contingency Fund	\$6,400.00
101-101-910.000	Insurance & Bonds	\$600.00
101-101-955.001	Bank Fees	\$50.00
101-215-706.000	Deputy Clerk	\$700.00
101-215-960.000	Clerk Education & Training	\$1,000.00
101-247-960.000	BOR Education & Training	\$100.00
101-257-832.000	Contractual Services	\$500.00
101-265-860.000	Transportation Bldg. & Grounds	\$100.00
101-265-920.020	Community Center Utilities	\$250.00
101-333-930.001	Bldg. & Grounds Fire Hall #1	\$250.00
101-526-801.002	Prof Services Recycling	\$2,500.00
101-526-850.000	Communications	\$250.00
101-751-920.000	Utilities Park	\$100.00
Road Fund		
204-446-998.000	Contingency Fund	\$60.00
204-101-955.001	Bank Fees	\$10.00
204-446-860.001	Metro Act Mileage	\$50.00
Adjustments		
101-247-960.000	BOR Education & Training	\$200.00
101-247-704.000	BOR Salary	\$200.00
204-000-607.001		\$4,910.09
204-000-574.001		\$4,910.09

A motion to accept the Oak Hill Cemetery budget as presented was made by Clerk Passeno and supported by Treasurer Couture. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the New Amendments to the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act and add it to the current ordinance number 2013-01 was made by Supervisor Archambo and supported by Trustee Beckwith. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT : Commissioner Newman offered to answer any questions the public may have regarding Cheboygan County business. No comments.

MTA will be hosted by Tuscarora Township Hall on March 28, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

BILLS: Clerk Passeno presented a list of bills for the Boards approval. A motion by Treasurer Couture and supported by Trustee Beckwith. Motion was approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion by Supervisor Archambo and supported by Treasurer Couture to adjourn the March Benton Township meeting at 8:07 pm. Motion carried.