

BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

MARCH 7, 2023 AT 7:05PM

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The March 7, 2023 board meeting was called to order at 7:05pm following the budget meeting.

Roll Call: Present was five board members: 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 9 electorates were present.

Minutes and bills: Trustee Redmond made a motion to accept the February 7, 2023 minutes, February 20, 2023 Budget meeting minutes, and the bills paid in February. The motion was supported by Trustee Fenlon and carried by all.

Supervisor Brandt read two letters from EGLE. Clerk Neumann made a motion to waive the no wake ordinance for August 12, and 13, 2023 for the Top O Michigan Outboard Racing and was supported by Treasurer Passeno. The motion was carried by all. Supervisor received notice that PIE&G will be raising their prices starting April 1, 2023. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to have Treasurer Passeno work with Assessor McGovern to bring us up to code on public access to assessing. The motion was supported by Trustee Redmond and carried by all. Clerk Neumann read off thirteen line adjustments she will need to balance the 2022-2023 budget. Treasurer Passeno made a motion to the line adjustments and was supported by Trustee Fenlon. The motion was carried by all. Clerk Neumann spoke about the Proposal 2 that was passed in November on elections. With the 9 days of early voting and prepaid postal stamps, there will be a great increase of expenses. The state is still working on the changes. Treasurer Passeno stated that she would like more camera's on the playground and Hall.

Library Liaison Mary Ellen Enos reported that the Library does not have a Director yet. The Library is working on their air conditioner. The bank balance is \$415,295.10.

Treasurer Passeno made a motion to have Supervisor Brandt contact Matt Barber Masonry to work on the Community Center on work to be done and was supported by Trustee Fenlon. The motion was carried by all. Treasurer Passeno made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 budget and was supported by Trustee Redmond. Upon roll call: Trustee Fenlon is yes, Trustee Redmond is yes, Supervisor Brandt is yes, Clerk Neumann is yes , and Treasurer Passeno is yes. No nays. The budget was adopted. Supervisor Brandt read the Staff wage resolution for 2023-2024 and the mileage rate. Trustee Redmond made a motion to adopt the resolution and was supported by Treasurer Passeno. Upon roll call: Treasurer Passeno is yes, Supervisor Brandt is yes, Clerk Carol Neumann is yes, Trustee Fenlon is yes, and Trustee Redmond is yes. No nays. The resolution is adopted. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to have Trustee Fenlon represent Benton on the Oak Hill Cemetery board and was supported by Treasurer Passeno. The motion was carried by all. Treasurer Passeno made a motion to have Trustee Redmond and Clerk Neumann represent Benton on the Alverno Fire Department and was supported by Supervisor Brandt. The motion was carried by all. Supervisor Brandt stated that the board needs to look at what Benton

Township can do on fixing some roads this year. Mr. Ross stated he would like Benton Township to look into solar here at the hall. Clerk Neumann read the bills to be paid in March. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to pay the March bills and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all. Trustee Fenlon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm and was supported by Supervisor Brandt. The motion was carried by all.