

## BENTON TOWNSHIP

The April 3, 2018 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, Clerk Jayne Passeno, Trustee Charles Beckwith and Trustee Mike Charboneau. Treasurer Couture was absent. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman and 8 electorates were present.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Clerk Passeno added the correspondence from Par Plan to new business.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the March 6, 2018 meeting minutes and the bills paid in the month of March was made by Trustee Beckwith with support from Trustee Charboneau. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: DEQ Notice of Authorization to Greg Brown to construct a permanent 6'x72' elevated, open pile dock.

DEQ Notice of Authorization to Alexander Passeno to install a 6'x48' dock with a 7x18 "L" section and 2 pilings off the southeast side of the dock.

REPORTS: Trustee Beckwith presented an e-mail from Treasurer Couture regarding installing a bench around a large maple tree by the pavilion and the addition of a wind screen for the pickle ball court. Clerk Passeno updated the Board on the recent training for elections. Benton will host the May 8, 2018 school election for Aloha, Benton and Grant Township. Clayton McGovern will be purchasing a new printer and he will divide the cost amongst the townships that he is assessing. Installing horseshoe pits by the Community Center was discussed. A reminder that there should be black top repair at the Community Center entrance soon and the Board members should look for other problem areas. There was a report of furniture and garbage dumped on a side road of East US 23 and a discussion of a grant to help with clean-up was discussed. Supervisor Archambo will evaluate the situation. The shelving for the organization of the attic area has been purchased and a time for the Board to remove pews and organize shelves will need to be scheduled. Clerk Passeno followed up on outstanding invoices with Consumers Energy for advertising and Cherry Capital Communications for an outstanding bill with Attorney, Tim MacArthur. Clerk Passeno asked permission to attend 2 days and one overnight stay for the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks conference June 20 - 22 at Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City. A motion was made by Supervisor Archambo and supported by Trustee Charboneau authorizing the Clerk to attend the conference.

LIBRARY LIAISON: Mary Ellen Enos was unable to attend due to the inclement weather.

FIRE CHIEF: Williams reported on the recent activity for the AFD as two personal injury accidents, a garbage truck fire, the completion of training for 8 firemen, and other various training sessions. A motion to reimburse Williams for the purchase and installation of a water softener for Station #1 was made by Supervisor Archambo and supported by Clerk Passeno. Motion passed.

Groundskeeper: Doug Felmlee was unable to attend the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Beckwith reported that the Oak Hill Cemetery Board has not met since last month's meeting but that Board will determine if there will be a change in the system for paying the clerk on a monthly basis.

A forwarded e-mail was received from Treasurer Couture this afternoon regarding the decrease of transfer station ticket sales at the Alverno Grocery store for the 1st quarter of 2018. The Board reviewed a report of the sales in the 1st quarter of 2017 and found the sales comparable. Trustee Beckwith made a motion that the next order of transfer station tickets include a numbering system. Support by Clerk Passeno and motion passed. A motion to issue transfer station tickets to new home owners, upon request, was made by Trustee Charboneau and supported by Supervisor Archambo. Motion carried. A copy of the letter that was mailed to the property owners in the SAD of West Black Lane/Canton Road was presented. Doug Damm remarked on his displeasure of the four Board members who consider the interest that will be paid to Cheboygan County for the road loan as capitalized interest and a cost of the SAD project. The discussion was tabled until the May, 2018 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion to agree to the Consumers Energy Standard Lighting Contract Form 548 was made by Trustee Beckwith and supported by Archambo. Motion carried.

A motion to adopt the Benton Township Resolution waiving penalties, interest and fees for failure to timely file a property transfer affidavit was made by Trustee Beckwith and supported by Trustee Charboneau. Motion carried.

**Benton Township, Cheboygan County Michigan**  
**Resolution waiving penalties, interest and fees for failure to timely file a property transfer affidavit.**

WHEREAS, Section 211.27a of the General Property Tax Act requires the buyer, grantee or other transferee of property to file a property transfer affidavit as prescribed by the State Tax Commission, with the appropriate Assessing Officer in the local unit of government in which the property is located: and

WHEREAS, Section 211.27b of the General Property Tax Act imposes penalties for the failure to file a Property Transfer Affidavit after 45 days have elapsed: and

WHEREAS, Section 211.27b of the General Property Tax Act Provides that the local governing body may waive, by Resolution, the penalties levied for the failure to file a Property Transfer Affidavit: and

WHEREAS, the Township of Benton hereby waives the penalties for the failure to file a Property Transfer Affidavit within 45 days of transfer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Township Board of the Township of Benton hereby waives penalties, under Section 211.27b of the General Property Tax Act.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk of the Township of Benton is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Township Assessor and to the Director of Cheboygan County Equalization Department.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolution or parts of resolution in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Motion was made by Trustee Beckwith and seconded by Trustee Charboneau to adopt the foregoing Resolution.

Upon roll call vote the following voted "Aye"  
 Passeno, Archambo, Charboneau and Beckwith  
 The following voted "Nay" None  
 The following were absent: Couture

A motion was made by Trustee Beckwith to renew the Municipal Retainer Agreement with Attorney, Timothy MacArthur and supported by Supervisor Archambo. Motion carried.

Clerk Passeno presented a clarification of the approved budget adjustments from the March 2018 meeting as follows:

Road Fund	Budget Transfer		
101-446-966.000	Contributions to other funds	\$242,400.00	
204-000-699.000	Road Fund - Transfer In		\$242,400.00
204-446-802.000	Road Fund Const. & Maintenance	\$242,400.00	
101-000-390.00	Fund Balance		\$242,400.00
204-446-998.000	Contingency Fund		\$50.00
204-101-955.001	Road Fund Bank Fees	\$50.00	
General Fund			
101-101-998.000	Contingency Fund		\$25,300.00
101-101-900.000	Gov. Body Printing & Publishing	\$1,000.00	
101-101-955.001	Gov. Body Bank Fees	\$100.00	
101-215-960.000	Clerk Education & Training	\$500.00	
101-257-832.000	Assessor Contractual Services	\$500.00	
101-265-850.000	Bldg & Grounds Communications	\$800.00	
101-333-920.000	Fire Dept. Utilities	\$800.00	
101-333-970.004	Fire Dept. Capital Outlay #4	\$1,200.00	
101-526-801-002	Sanitary Land Fill - recycling	\$20,000.00	
101-751-920.000	Park & Rec Utilities	\$400.00	

The Board did not have a nomination for the Michigan Township Participating Plan Board of Director election.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jerry Svetcos inquired about conflict of interest with Attorney Tim MacArthur representing the majority of the Townships in Cheboygan County. Paul Salvatore inquired about the lack of response by the Board to his request for information on the SAD for Cordwood Trail. A response will be forthcoming from the Board to Mr. Salvatore. Commissioner Mike Newman reported that the jail expansion for Cheboygan County is moving forward, beginning with the relocation of the recycling bins to the Fair Grounds for additional space for the construction equipment. The finalization for the removal of the Goldfront building is under way. The petition to recall four Inverness Township Board members was denied because of lack of clarity. Trustee Beckwith summarized Treasurer Couture's inquiry at the March MTA monthly meeting. The question is in regards to the CRCC's attendance at the monthly MTA meeting and is it inhibiting attendance?

MTA will be held April 19, 2018 at Koehler Township at 7:00pm.

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

ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion by Trustee Charboneau and supported by Supervisor to adjourn the April Benton Township meeting at 8:25 pm. Motion carried.