

## BENTON TOWNSHIP

The May 1, 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: Five board members were present: Supervisor Andrew Archambo, Clerk Jayne Passeno, Treasurer Couture Trustee Charles Beckwith and Trustee Mike Charboneau. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman, Constable Tim Fenlon and 14 electorates were present.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

MINUTES: A motion to approve the April 3, 2018 meeting minutes and the bills paid in the month of April was made by Trustee Beckwith with support from Clerk Passeno. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: DEQ Notice of Authorization to Richard & Donna Smith on 1704 McRae Drive to install two wood mooring pilings.

DEQ Notice of Authorization to Dede Anderson whom has property on 8674 West Black Lane to place 25 cubic yards of riprap shore protection along the existing 75' of shoreline.

DEQ Notice of Authorization to Carl Laviolette of 13621 East US 23 Hwy. to place 67 cubic yards of riprap shore protection along 100 feet of shoreline.

A letter from the Seventh-Day of Adventist Church regarding evangelistic work in Benton Township June 3, 2018 through August 11, 2018.

Cheboygan County Road Commission regarding a public hearing on May 3, 2018 at 6:00pm to discuss proposed seasonal road classification revisions on Restawhile Road in Benton Township, Seminole Avenue in Tuscarora Township and Cherokee Avenue in Tuscarora township.

Cheboygan County Road Commission bid tabulation sheet for calcium chloride, oil well brine and mineral well brine and contact information. CCRC has requested the individual townships to order their own brine and contact the foreman when the roads can be prepped. Supervisor Archambo made a motion to contract with Beckman Services for brine in Benton Township with support from Trustee Beckwith. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor Archambo presented information regarding a company that is exploring the possibility of installing 350 acres of solar panels. CRCC is planning to repave Orchard Beach Road from M-33 to the corner of South River Road. Clerk Passeno reported on the 2018 MTA Conference that was held in Traverse City. The Board members chose which roads they will clean up along the edge radiating out from the Township Hall. The Cheboygan Area Schools will hold a special election on Tuesday, May 8th, 2018 for an operating millage proposal.

LIBRARY LIAISON: Mary Ellen Enos reported that a request for a library mileage renewal will be on the ballot in the primary election, August 2018. Mark Bronson's contract will be up for renewal in June. The fire extinguishers are 12 years old and have been replaced at the cost of \$730.00. The Youth Art Show will May 2nd through May 9th. The bank balance is \$343,854.33.

FIRE CHIEF: Chief Williams was unavailable for report.

GROUNDSKEEPER: Doug Felmlee reported that the shrub guards have been removed from the Community Center for the summer season. Doug Felmlee will research options for snow brakes on the metal roof at the Community Center for next year. Assessor Clayton McGovern relocated two filing cabinets to the township hall. Summer preparations for the road ends and opening of the park bathroom will begin soon. Two recent rentals have failed to clean up the Community Center as agreed and will not receive their security deposit returned. A motion to increase the security deposit for the Community Center rental from \$50.00 to \$200.00 as of May 1, 2018 was made by Treasurer Couture and support by Supervisor Archambo. Motion carried. Household waste is continuing to be an issue at the US 23 Recycle bins and Doug is pursuing legal charges against the perpetrators. Additional wording will be added to the signs. The picnic tables that were relocated from the pavilion will be returned and secured. A request to add stone and extend the driveway area at the US 23 recycle station was authorized. Treasurer Couture will research the cost of wind screens for the pickle ball courts. Supervisor Archambo will contact the Xtreme Asphalt about repairs to the CC driveway and applying sealant to the blacktop. Doug will contact Johnson's Home Decorating for information on buffing and polishing the CC floors. Doug will install the information center by the park. Trustee Charboneau suggested asking the AFD to help with the installation of the horseshoe pits.

OLD BUSINESS: Doug Damm remarked on the SAD for West Black Lane/Canton Road regarding the Boards refund policy lacking the incentive for early payoffs, the lack of transparency and consistency by the Board, and the long, drawn out process to obtain information and guidance. Damm requested a resolution to refund each land owner that has paid the SAD in full in the amount of \$317.54 in a reasonable amount of time and the refund policy to be made public. A discussion ensued and a motion was made by Treasurer Couture to continue with the current refund policy of reimbursing the property owner for any overpayment of interest upon the completion of the obligation of the road loan from Cheboygan County. Four members voted aye, one vote of opposition. Motion carried.

Paul Salvatore questioned the properties that were included in the SAD for Cordwood Trail. Mr. Salvatore will communicate with Stuart (Ross) Bell, spokesperson for the Cordwood Trail SAD, regarding an amendment to the wording of the SAD. Supervisor Archambo will confer with the Assessor McGovern and Attorney MacArthur regarding the properties that are at the end of a dead end road.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Trustee Beckwith to accept the Cheboygan County 2018 Millage Reduction Fraction Computation and supported by Treasurer Couture. Motion carried.

Supervisor Archambo made a motion to table the Resolution for Policy and Procedures for Principle Residence Denials until next month when Assessor McGovern can clarify some points of the resolution. Clerk Passeno supported the motion and it carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Mike Newman presented an updated of the demolition of the Gold Front building in downtown Cheboygan in June and the addition to the County building has begun. The wording on the recall petition for Inverness Township Officers has been approved. Newman mentioned that the proposed solar panel project in Grant Township has a potential for a large income to the township. A question regarding the unauthorized signs, on CCRC property, at the end of Beebe Road was discussed. Leonard Manning Jr. requested the Board consider authorizing a "Provisioning Center" for medical marijuana in Benton Township. The Board will research the request.

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 Trustee Beckwith and supported by Treasurer Couture was approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion by Treasurer Couture and supported by Supervisor Archambo to adjourn the May Benton Township meeting at 9:23 pm. Motion carried.