

BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

MAY 11, 2021 7:00PM

The May 11, 2021, 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 5 electorates were present.

Minutes and Bills: Trustee Redmond made a motion to accept the April minutes and bills paid and was supported by trustee Fenlon. The motion was carried by all.

Correspondence: Supervisor Brandt read a letter from EGLE and a thank you card from Mr. and Mrs. Kidd.

Board comments: Clerk Neumann asked the board to look at the townships website to see if we need to update or add information on it. Treasurer Passeno informed board that Citizens National bank will be here at next month's meeting to talk. Treasurer Passeno gave a list of items that the township might want to purchase for the park, hall, and community center. Treasurer Passeno will be drawing up a new Ordinance on the (less of \$100.00 on winter taxes). Fire Chief Gary Williams reported 15 calls this month and that a compressor was purchased. Fire Chief stated that they will be doing fire hose testing June 4th and 5th at the Church on Orchard Beach Road. Library Liaison was absent. Grounds Keeper Doug Felmlee reported that the park bathrooms are open now, the road ends are mowed and trash cans set out. Doug stated the mowers and equipment were serviced and ready for summer.

Old Business: Supervisor Brandt stated Andy Archambo will be putting new lights up at the park. Treasurer Passeno stated that we got a grant for tire recycling. The board discussed renting the Community Center out for the month of June with concerns. Trustee Redmond made a motion to close the Community Center for the month of June and was supported by Clerk Neumann. The motion was carried

by all. Clerk Neumann gave the board a copy of the Policy and procedure on appointing the 3rd person to the Alverno Fire Board. The board will be discussing the recycling at next month's meeting.

New Business: Clerk Neumann will be ordering the dump tickets to be put with the taxes going out in July. Supervisor emailed the board with the bids for brining Benton township roads for 2021. Clerk Neumann made a motion for Supervisor to accept Beckman's bid of \$.23 and backup of American Waste at \$.26. The motion was supported by Trustee Redmond and carried by all.

Public comments: Commissioner Newman stated that at this point, Cheboygan Fair will be going on this year. Commissioner Newman and Mr. Paquet stated that the board should look at putting a mileage on for roads. The board will be discussing roads at June's meeting.

Pay bills: Clerk Neumann read all bills that need to be paid in May. Supervisor Brandt made a motion pay the bills and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all.

Adjournment: Supervisor Brandt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm and was supported by Trustee Fenlon. The motion was carried by all.