

BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

MAY 2, 2023 AT 7:00PM

5012 ORCHARD BEACH ROAD CHEBOYGAN MI. 49721

The May 2, 2023 board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Present was 5 board members: Supervisor Bruce Brandt, Treasurer Jayne Passeno, Clerk Carol Neumann, Trustee Ron Fenlon, and Trustee Pete Redmond. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman, Constable Tim Fenlon, and 6 electorates were present.

Minutes & bills: Trustee Redmond made a motion to accept the April minutes and bills paid and was supported by Supervisor Brandt. The motion was carried by all.

Mr. Tom Sobeck gave an update on the progress from PIE&G. The price rates and optic coming in. PIE&G is done with stage 1 of 5 stages. Supervisor Brandt read 3 letters from EGLE. Supervisor Brandt stated that the brush dump is done at the Transfer station and will be open to Benton Township residents only. Supervisor Brandt sent the Sheriff's office 5 blight complaints. Supervisor Brandt stated the roads should be brined by the end of May. Trustee Redmond made a motion to buy another 1000 ton of gravel for roads if we can get it at the same price as the first 1000 ton. A total of \$33,000.00. The motion was supported by Treasurer Passeno and carried by all. Trustee Fenlon stated that there is a grant for smoke detectors and to put a letter in with the taxes for anyone who wants free smoke detectors to fill out and return to Benton Township. Trustee Fenlon stated the Alverno Fire Dept. Hall #1 has 2 new big fans in the station and the turn out gear drying bay is in. Trustee Fenlon stated he would like new door locks on all fire stations that don't use electricity or batteries. Trustee Redmond talked about the Spark Grant for recreation and the benefits of applying. Clerk Neumann asked board to look into the ARPA money and using it. Treasurer Passeno stated that 100% of the personal property taxes have been collected. Treasurer Passeno asked the board about getting camera's for the playground area, parking lots, and Township hall. Library Liaison Mary Ellen Enos stated that the library is hiring a director. The bank balance for the library is \$844,953.05.

New Business: Clerk Neumann made a motion to approve Adlam property split and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all. Trustee Fenlon made a motion to approve the Hudson property split and was supported by Clerk Neumann. The motion was carried by all.

Public comments: Commissioner Newman stated that the VA clinic in Indian River will be opening August 1st. The Cheboygan Mental Hospital will be opening June 1st.

Bills to pay: Clerk Neumann read the bills to be paid in May. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to pay the bills and was supported by Treasurer Passeno. The motion was carried by all.

Adjournment: Treasurer Passeno made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm and was supported by Supervisor Brandt. The motion was carried by all.