

BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

MAY 3, 2022 AT 7:00PM

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The May 3, 2022 Benton Township board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Four board members were present: Supervisor Bruce Brandt, Clerk Carol Neumann, Trustee Pete Redmond, and Trustee Ron Fenlon. Absent was Treasurer Jayne Passeno. 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 5, 2022 and bills paid in April . The motion was supported by Supervisor Brandt and the motion was carried by all.

Correspondence: Supervisor Brandt read two letters from EGLE and one from PIE&G. Clerk Neumann made a motion to have MacArthur Law Firm represent Benton Township for 2022-2023 and was supported by Trustee Fenlon. The motion was carried by all. Clerk Neumann told the board the estimate for having surveillance cameras on the township drop box. The estimate from Anavon was \$2500.00. A letter from Karen Martin stating there is three places on Alpena State Road with trash to be picked up if Benton Township would do this. Supervisor Brandt stated he will be getting cost on multiple road projects. (Afton stone, crack seal, Carey Road, Wartella Road, McDonald Road, and Carter Road).

Board member Comments: Trustee Fenlon will be looking at the park on putting up disc golf. Clerk Neumann stated the end of May, she will be sending out AV applications for August election.

Library Liaison: Mary Ellen Enos reported the Library is working on the sidewalks. Library is having a sale on May 27, 2022. The bank balance in April is \$688,589.41.

Grounds Keeper Doug Felmler reported they will be starting to mow in a few weeks and getting the road ends ready for summer.

New Business: Supervisor Brandt made a motion to accept a resolution to submit a grant application for a generator through the Michigan Township Participating Plan and was supported by Trustee Fenlon. Upon roll call: Trustee Fenlon was yes, Trustee Redmond was yes, Supervisor Brandt was yes, and Clerk Neumann was yes. The resolution was passed. Clerk Neumann made a motion to accept the Dimmer Property split and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all. Mr. Beckwith talked to the board about the speed limit on Gilpin Road and the concern about snowmobiles.

Public Comments: Commissioner Newman stated they are working at the Fairgrounds fixing things up. Newman stated he would like the board to consider putting a road millage on for Benton Township. Mr. Ross gave the board some information on solar energy.

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

Adjournment: Trustee Redmond made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm and was supported by Supervisor Brandt. The motion was carried by all.