

BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

JUNE 1, 2021 7:00PM

The June 1, 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 10 electorates were present.

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

Correspondence: Supervisor Brandt read a letter from Karen Martin about Alpena State Road clean up. Citizens National bank had two people come and talk about the benefits their bank has to offer for the township. Treasurer Passeno gave the board a price on a generator for the township and will be sending in for a grant from Par Plan. Treasurer Passeno made a motion to cancel the Ordinance 2016-01-05-1 on \$100.00 less on winter taxes and was supported by Clerk Neumann. Upon Roll Call: Supervisor Brandt-Aye, Clerk Neumann-Aye, Trustee Fenlon-Aye, Trustee Redmond-Aye, and Treasurer Passeno-Aye. No Nays. Treasurer Passeno informed the board that the grant for tires came and the first truck will be here June 12, 2021. Another truck will be coming on October 23, 2021. Supervisor Brandt stated that there is a brine shortage and no company he's called has any at this time. Supervisor Brandt stated that Matt Barber has started working on the hall starting on the bell tower. Library Liaison Mary Ellen Enos stated that the board will be getting 3 new board members and 3 staff members are leaving. The Library bank balance for March was \$683,293.61. Grounds keeper Doug Felmlee reported he bought a electronic sprayer for disinfecting for the township. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to open the Community Center for June with 50% capacity. Trustee Redmond supported and was carried by all. Mr. Paquet reported that the Mograin bridge is considered critical and the state is putting

more money into the bridge budget. The board discussed the recycling and the County taking it over. Clerk Neumann will get a break down on cost from 2019 to present for the next meeting. Supervisor Brandt made a motion for Treasurer Passeno to buy 6 picnic tables for the Community Center not to exceed \$2500.00. The motion was supported by Trustee Redmond and was carried by all. Clerk Neumann read the bills that need to be paid in June. Treasurer Passeno made a motion to pay the bills for June and was supported by Trustee Fenlon. Motion was carried by all. Three Cheboygan Freedom Fighters were present and spoke of their concerns of the election equipment. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm and was supported by Trustee Fenlon. Motion carried by all.