

BENTON TOWNSHIP

The 4th day of June, 2019 Benton Township Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Four board members were present: Supervisor Andrew Archambo, Treasurer Ann Couture, Clerk Jayne Passeno, and Trustee Mike Charboneau. Absent was Trustee Chuck Beckwith. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman and 7 electorates were present.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Clerk Passeno stated the Resolution allowing for payment of certain bills between Board meetings is being presented to board members for review, under Old Business.

MINUTES: Treasurer Ann Couture made a motion to accept the May 7, 2019 minutes and bills paid in May with the support from Supervisor Andy Archambo. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Karen Martin sent the board a letter regarding illegal dumped trash by Alpena State Road and asked what the board is doing about the issue. Martin and some other people did a cleanup. Martin is working with the DNR and plans on doing more clean ups. There are truck loads of trash out there. Clerk Passeno asked if video cams would work on Alpena State Road. Supervisor Andy Archambo requested putting a video cam on Alpena State Road for a while to see if we can see anything. Doug Felmlee will put them up and monitor them.

The State of Michigan Public Service gave notice of their next meeting for PIE & Gas Co-Op members for June 19,2019 at 9:00am in Lansing.

EGLE (Formally, DEQ) sent notice of replacing and repair to the culvert on Elliot Creek by CRCC to removing a 60 inch culvert and replacing it with a 74 inch culvert.

REPORTS: Clerk Jayne Passeno states that her and Deputy Clerk Carol Neumann went to Hawks Michigan June 4, 2019 for a meeting on the new laws on Elections. Jayne stated that Windows 7 will not work with the new systems and will be getting prices on Windows 10. Clerk Jayne Passeno stated that the \$200.00 rental deposit for a Jenna Wheelock has not been refunded due to the condition of the Community Center. Pictures have been retained. Jenna Wheelock was not present for comment. Clerk Jayne Passeno stated that the Resolution from last month's meeting was printed in the paper and it was not correct. Passeno requested that they reprint it at their own cost. Clerk Passeno is The Tribune is not sending a tear sheet when they print the monthly synopsis. An order of 2300, numbered transfer station tickets are ready for distribution with the summer tax bills. Clerk Passeno has contacted Nieland and Kosanke, P.C. for the information required to process the 2018 audit. Treasurer Ann Couture was contacted by Assessor Clayton McGovern that he never received any info on the Land Division that was approved at last month's meeting. Ann states that we cannot approve a land division without all the paperwork being done. Ann Couture and Clayton McGovern never received the Application for the land division. Clerk Passeno will check all e-mail info in the system for errors in address'.

LIBRARY LIAISON: Mary Ellen Enos was not available for comment.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Pat LaCross reported 2 smoke alarms, 4 wheeler accident and jaws training for the month of May.

GROUNDSKEEPER: Doug Felmlee stated he put out trash cans and mowed at the road ends. Memorial weekend he found 3 household trash bags at the recycle area. Schools are using the playground for class trips. Felmlee reported on the 6 to 8 dead trees around the playground that need to be removed. Felmlee reported on the signs at the road end on Beebe road, that were installed by Henkel, about trespassing on a road end that is open to the public. Repairs were required in the restroom by the playground. Felmlee inquired about a brush hog to widen the walking trail. Trustee Mike Charboneau authorized Felmlee to research the cost.

OLD BUSINESS: The new carpet for the meeting room was selected and a down payment of \$3,400.00 was approved. Clerk Passeno stated that the resolution from MacArthur on paying bills should have the list of vendors listed separately, enabling the resolution to be amended when changes occur, therefore the entire resolution would not have to be re-drafted. The board to table this until next month's meeting when Trustee Beckwith will be present. Supervisor Archambo reported that the bids for the special assessment for Cordwood Trail paving are due on June 18th, 2019. The Board set the special meeting for July 16, 2019 at 7:00pm at Benton Township Hall.

NEW BUSINESS: Treasure Couture made a motion to accept the Equalization Dept. 2019 Rate Request L-4029 and was supported by Supervisor Archambo. Motion carried. Clerk Passeno presented the board with Budget Adjustments for 2018-2019 Year End which ends March 31, 2019. Treasurer Couture made a motion to accept the report and was supported by Supervisor Archambo. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Commissioner Mike Newman reports that the solar panels in Grant Township is still proceeding. The Cheboygan Fair Board now has a special account for their revenue. Supervisor Archambo states that the Board Of Review is set for July 16, 2019 at 8:00am.

BILLS: Clerk Passeno presented a list of bill for the Boards approval. A motion by Ann Couture and supported by Supervisor Andy Archambo, with the exception of an invoice from CCRC for Afton stone on Carter Road. Motion was approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion by Treasurer Ann Couture and supported by Supervisor Archambo to adjourn the Benton Township June meeting at 8:01pm. Motion carried.