

BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

JUNE 6, 2023 AT 7:00PM

5012 ORCHARD BEACH ROAD CHEBOYGAN MI. 49721

The June 6, 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 Pete Redmond, and Trustee Ron Fenlon. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman and 12 electorates were present.

Minutes & bills: Trustee Redmond made a motion to accept the May 2, 2023 minutes and bills paid in May. The motion was supported by Trustee Fenlon and carried by all.

Supervisor Brandt read two letters from EGLE. The board received three bids for sealing asphalt at Hall, Park, and Fire Hall #1. Trustee Fenlon made a motion to accept Extreme's bid and was supported by Treasurer Passeno. Clerk Neumann excused herself from vote. The motion was carried by four board members. Treasurer Passeno will be calling to get the tennis courts resealed this year. Treasurer talked about the Michigan CLASS and putting money there. Clerk Neumann made a motion to have the Treasurer put funds up to \$120,000.00 into Michigan Class and was supported by Trustee Fenlon. The motion was carried by all. Treasurer Passeno talked about the freezer in the Community Center not working very well and the freezer being around 20 years old. The board decided to buy a new freezer for \$799.00. Treasurer Passeno will be putting a letter in with the taxes for free smoke alarms for Benton township residents. Clerk Neumann will be putting the new brush disposal site on the website. Trustee Redmond talked about the MTA meeting last week and the good write up in the Weekly Choice about the Mognrain Bridge project. Trustee Fenlon stated that Oak Hill cemetery will be putting up fence in the back part of the cemetery. Library Liaison Mary Ellen Enos reported that the Library purchased 10 new laptops and the bank balance is \$796,152.86. Fire Chief Fenlon reported that all the new turn out gear has been received. The Fire Department is looking at some grant money. Grounds Keeper Doug Felmler stated that the road ends are all open and the wind screens at the park are up. The board will not be applying for the Spark grant at this time. The board is looking at more parking, septic systems, and camera's with the ARPA money. Supervisor Brandt stated that the brining in Benton township is done. The board got windshield estimates on South River Road and Carter Road. Trustee Fenlon made a motion to have Supervisor get bids on putting a two inch overlay on Carter Road and was supported by Supervisor Brandt. The motion was carried by all. Trustee Redmond asked to have a windshield estimate on paving Orchard Beach road to the recycling site. Treasurer Passeno read the resolution to improve, upgrade, and pave Riviera Drive and Addison Drive. The motion was made to accept the resolution by Treasurer Passeno and supported by Trustee Redmond. Upon roll call: Supervisor Brandt was yes, Clerk Neumann was yes, Treasurer Passeno was yes, Trustee Redmond was yes, and Trustee Fenlon was yes. The resolution was adopted. Trustee Redmond made a motion to charge 4% interest on the unpaid balance after the first year on the Special Assessment for Riviera Drive and Addison Drive. The motion was supported by Trustee Fenlon and carried by all. The board set a date for the first special assessment

hearing for June 26, 2023 at 6:30pm at Benton Township Hall. Treasurer Passeno made a motion to accept the Tax rate L-4029 for 2023-2024 and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all. Trustee Fenlon made a motion to refund Cindy Ross the full amount that she paid renting the Community Center because of the problems the building had. The motion was supported by Supervisor Brandt and carried by all. Commissioner Mike Newman stated the Mental hospital had a little set back and should be open in the next few weeks. Clerk Neumann read the bills to be paid in June. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to pay the bills read and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all. Supervisor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07pm and was supported by Trustee Fenlon . The motion was carried by all.