

BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

JUNE 7, 2022 AT 7:00PM

5012 ORCHARD BEACH ROAD CHEBOYGAN MI. 49721

The June 7, 2022 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 Ron Fenlon, and Trustee Pete Redmond. In addition Constable Tim Fenlon, and 10 electorates were present.

Minutes and Bills: Treasurer Passeno made a motion to accept the May 3rd and May 17th's minutes and bills paid in May. The motion was supported by Trustee Redmond and was carried by all.

Correspondence: Supervisor Brandt read the bids for the generator and tractor. Trustee Fenlon made a motion to accept Stan's Electric, Inc. bid of \$26,774.00 for 30 kw Kohler generator and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to go with Summerix-Hillman for a tractor not to exceed \$35,500. The motion was supported by Trustee Redmond and was carried by all. Supervisor Brandt, Trustee Redmond, and Doug Felmler will be checking the tractors out and report at next month's meeting. Supervisor Brandt read to letters from EGLE. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to sign the waiver for foreclosed parcels in Benton Township and was supported by Clerk Neumann. The motion was carried by all. Treasurer Passeno made a motion to accept the 2022 Tax rate request from Cheboygan County and was supported by Supervisor Brandt. The motion was carried by all.

Board member comments: Treasurer Passeno stated the play ground equipment purchased should be here next month. Treasurer Passeno reported the State Revenue this quarter was \$51,655.00 and that one of the CDs will mature and will be leaving it where it's at. Clerk Neumann would like the board to consider putting a large closet up at the hall for the election equipment and to consider putting a permanent bathroom out at the transfer station. Supervisor Brandt stated that the township has purchased property around the transfer station and will look into putting a residential natural debris site. Clerk Neumann informed the board about Benton Township having the MTA potluck in July and making a menu at next month's meeting. Supervisor stated that brining the roads started today.

Library Liaison Mary Ellen Enos reported that the library's camera's are fixed and working. The Library will be getting a new server. The bank balance for April is \$402,280.56.

Grounds keeper Doug Felmler reported that the nets are up at the park, mowing a lot now, planted 5 trees around township hall, 2 new toilets put in (one at hall and one at park), and m-23 recycle area was expanded with afton stone for recycle bins. Mr. Felmler talked on how amazed we were on the GFL recycle facility in Traverse City. Four people went for a tour Monday and was amazed at the amount of material that was recycled and the volume this company does.

Old business: Supervisor Brandt made a motion to order and put up a 9 course disc golf at the park, not to exceed \$6000.00 and was supported by Treasurer Passeno. The motion was carried by all. Supervisor Brandt gave the board the estimate for fixing Wartella Road and Carey Road at \$95,700.00. Supervisor made a motion to submit an offer to pay \$72,600.00 plus 10% over run for the paving and see if the county would pay for the seed and erosion control, shouldering, grade work, and traffic control. The motion was supported by Treasurer Passeno and was carried by all.

New Business: Riviaria Drive is interested in being paved. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to accept the Berden Property split and was supported by Clerk Neumann. The motion was carried by all. Trustee Redmond made a motion to accept the Grantner Property split and was supported by Supervisor Brandt. The motion was carried by all. Treasurer Passeno made a motion to accept the Stellman property split when the land division payment certification form is provided and was supported by Clerk Neumann. The motion was carried by all.

Public Comments: Mr. Cullen talked to the board about ditching and pavement on Cordwood and Straits View and would like the boards help on seeing what could be done. Mr. Macott asked if anyone knew how to get rid of an abandoned RV and was told to get the police to tag it as abandoned and then Klings Auto.

Bills to pay: Clerk Neumann read off the bills to be paid in June. Treasurer Passeno made a motion to pay the bills and was supported by Trustee Fenlon. The motion was carried by all.

Adjournment: Supervisor made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all.