

BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 1, 2023 AT 7:00PM

5012 ORCHARD BEACH ROAD CHEBOYGAN MI. 49721

The August 1, 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.

Supervisor added to the agenda, ARPA and Mr. Bohls. Trustee Redmond made a motion to accept the agenda with the additions and was supported by Trustee Fenlon. The motion was carried by all.

Supervisor Brandt made a motion to accept the June 26, 2023 special meeting minutes, July 11, 2023 meeting minutes, and the July 24, 2023 special meeting minutes, and bills paid in July. The motion was supported by Trustee Fenlon and carried by all. Supervisor Brandt read two letters from EGLE. Clerk Neumann made a motion to approve the AT&T right a- way contract for 5 years and was supported by Supervisor Brandt. The motion was carried by all. Supervisor read two letters asking for estimates on tar and chipping John Werner Drive and Mullett Lake Woods Road. Treasurer Passeno stated that 25% of taxes have come in. Treasurer Passeno is still working with Metro on the wrong payments sent to townships. Trustee Redmond thanked Supervisor Brandt on all the work he is doing on the road projects. Clerk Neumann informed the board that Mr. Proctor will be installing new counter tops at the Community Center tomorrow. Clerk Neumann informed the board of the new polices on elections so far with more to come. Trustee Fenlon stated that a new fence will be going up around the Oak Hill Cemetery. Library Liaison Mary Ellen Enos stated the air conditioner is being fixed. The bank balance is \$399,068.49. Fire Chief Fenlon stated that the van and jaws will be out of service so the van can be fixed in Mio. Chief Fenlon stated that he has received over 155 requests for new smoke alarms from Benton Township people. Grounds Keeper Doug Felmlee reported that all door locks have been installed in Benton Township fire departments. Mr. Felmlee has been spraying for a lot of bees nest in the park last month. Treasurer Passeno wrote a letter to the County Road Commission about the boards concern on the condition of Vanya Road. Supervisor stated that Carter Road has been paved and Addison and Riviera Drive will be next. Mr. Paquett stated that there is two bridge grants that the Road Commission is applying for. MDOT inspected Mograin bridge last week. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to approve the Bradford property split and was supported by Treasurer Passeno. The motion was carried by all. Trustee Redmond made a motion to approve the Rifenberg property split and was supported by Clerk Neumann. The motion was carried by all. Mr. Bohl's stated that the spot on Lindberg and Galbraith Road needs to be fixed. Commissioner Newman stated that the Cheboygan Mental facility is not open yet. The Juvenile facility was approved. Clerk Neumann read a list of bills to be paid in August. Treasurer Passeno made a motion to approve the bills for August and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm and was supported by Treasurer Passeno. The motion was carried by all. 23