

Benton Township Board Meeting

August 3, 2021 7:00pm

The August 3, 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 8 electorates were present.

Minutes and Bills: Treasurer Passeno made a motion to accept the July minutes and bills paid in July and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all.

Correspondence: Supervisor Brandt read 4 letters from EGLE. PIE&G would like help on their plans to deploy a fiber-to -the -home network.

Old Business: The board looked over last month's recycling and sanitation bills. Supervisor Brandt will be contacting the County with questions on taking over the recycling for Benton township and will discuss this project at next month's meeting. The board was informed last week from Karen Martin that there is another pile of trash dumped off on Alpena State Road. Supervisor Brandt will be contacting Grant Township regarding partnering on the Tire Grant on the October pickup. Supervisor will be talking with Mr. Bur on the acreage around the Transfer station since part of the dump is on Bur's property and he has put it up for sale.

New Business: Treasurer Passeno made a motion to have Clerk Neumann go to Clerk training September 2, 2021 at the cost of \$101.00 and was supported by Supervisor Brandt. The motion was carried by all. Treasurer Passeno made a motion to accept the property split for Dan Gularski and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all.

Board Comments: Treasurer Passeno stated that a CD is maturing and will be renewing it. Treasurer Passeno will be changing banks for Benton Township to Citizens National Bank and leaving some accounts at 1st Community Bank. A motion was made by Supervisor Brandt to collect \$2.50 from the school tax collecting for Benton Township and was supported by Clerk Neumann. The motion was carried by all. Treasurer Passeno stated that she put dump tickets in the summer taxes that had permanent living structures on property. Groundskeeper Doug Felmlee reported to the board of trash being set by the recycling bins this week. Felmlee stated they will be power washing the old fire hall and insulating the big door. Felmlee stated that people were asking about having 2 more Pickle ball courts put in. Library Liaison Mary Ellen Enos reported that a new sump pump will be put in at the Library. The library is fully open at this time. Bank balance for July is \$359,954.45. Trustee Redmond stated that at the MTA meeting, the Blight ordinance was approved and will be sent to the Sheriff and Council for review.

Public Comments: Mike Newman stated that the Cheboygan Fair is next week. Mr. Cullen reported that the new road in Cordwood is great but the ditching was not done at the time and the ditches are flooded. Supervisor Brandt stated he will be looking at this problem. Supervisor Brandt stated that he will be calling around to get the septic tanks pumped out this year. Trustee Redmond made a motion to get Mrs. McGovern a \$75.00 gift certificate for taking the board member's pictures and was supported by Supervisor Brandt. The motion was carried by all.

Adjournment: Clerk Neumann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm and was supported by Treasurer Passeno. The motion was carried by all.