

BENTON TOWNSHIP

The August 6, 2019 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 Andrew Archambo, Clerk Jayne Passeno, Treasurer Ann Couture, Trustee Chuck Beckwith, and Trustee Mike Charboneau. In Addition Mike Newman and 6 electorates were present.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Supervisor Archambo added to correspondence, State of Michigan DTE. Trustee Beckwith and Fire Dept. to old business.

MINUTES: A motion to accept the minutes and bills from July 2, 2019 and Special meeting July 23, 2019 was made by Trustee Beckwith and supported by Treasurer Couture. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: EGLE to construct 6x50 foot pile dock on Cheboygan River. EGLE to place 167 cubic yards of rock riprap along 300 feet on Marina Bay, Cheboygan. State of Michigan DTE Gas approval for Gas Cost Recovery meeting will be held August 12, 2019 at 9:30am in Lansing. State of Michigan Consumers Energy reconciliation of its 2018 response program costs meeting was held July 23, 2019 at 9:00am in Lansing. State of Michigan PIE&G approval of Gas Cost Recovery meeting will be held August 13, 2019 at 9:30am in Lansing.

REPORTS: Trustee Beckwith reported Rails to Trails improved mapping, Cheboygan to Alpena will be mowed a min. of 4 times . Shawn Conners has been certified for DNR. DNR in charge of trails only. Burt TWP approval to complete their trail possibly this fall. A Motion to reimburse \$80.00 to Marvin Smith for a canopy and stand he bought for the Transfer station by Supervisor Archambo and supported by Trustee Beckwith. Motion passed. Treasurer Couture attended Treasures User meeting in July. Clerk Passeno received a request for more info from Nieland on our annual audit. Clerk Passeno talked to Patrick from BK&C ins. company and he would like to come to October's meeting. Clerk Passeno states that the State has denied our W-2 s sent in by paper. They state they only do electronic now. Clerk Passeno states she has resent them electronic. Grounds Keeper Felmlee states July 27, 2019, the Community Center renters had a problem with the men's bathroom backing up. Felmlee checked it the next day and it worked but the following Friday night, the men's bathroom backed up again. He tried using a snake, but it didn't work, so he called 24/7 Service and they came out Saturday morning and temporarily fixed the Problem. A motion by Supervisor Archambo to refund both the July 27, 2019 renter and August 3, 2019 renter for their inconvenience and supported by Clerk Passeno. Motion passed. A motion by Trustee Beckwith for Supervisor Archambo to get bids on fixing the problem and removing the tree in front of Community Center. Supported by Treasurer Couture and motion passed.

LIBRARY LIAISON: Mary Ellen Enos reported that 7 trees were removed at the Library and the LED lights are completed. Balance is \$227,671.62.

FIRE CHIEF: Pat LaCross reported 1 structure fire, CO EMS assist propane training at Cheboygan High School.

GROUNDS KEEPER: Doug Felmlee states he has bids on new recycle bins. The board will put this on next year's budget. Doug states that the Exit signs were all checked and that they have LED lights available now. Doug states that the bench is done over at the playground. A motion by Supervisor Archambo for Doug to order 30 curbs for over at the playground parking lot and supported by Trustee Charboneau. Motion passed Doug states that there is a portable tennis set over in storage in good shape. The Grounds Keepers will be spraying the walk trail soon and has signs out for the public.

OLD BUSINESS: Supervisor Archambo received a note from Cheboygan County that Beebe Road has petitions on having their road paved and also Orchard Beach Drive is sending out petitions for their road to be paved. Supervisor Archambo states the Brining is holding up on roads and was told that only one side of the road was brined at Cordwood. The Board was informed that the County has ditched part of McDonald Road. A Resolution allowing for payment of certain bills between Board meetings was discussed . Trustee Beckwith made a motion for the Alverno Fire Board to contact the Insurance Company and Risk Management to see if we're covered when we have Captains not certified like the state says we need. Supported by Supervisor Archambo and motion passed. Supervisor Archambo made a motion to buy 6 benches for inside the court area by the playground. Supported by Trustee Beckwith and motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion to accept a property split for Steven and Kaylynn Konicki was made by Supervisor Archambo and supported by Trustee Beckwith. Motion passed. A motion by Supervisor Archambo to have Hentco Tennis Court Specialist come and repair, clean, and resurface the courts by the playground. Was supported by Trustee Beckwith and passed. Clerk Passeno made a motion to accept and adopt The Resolution on the Cordwood Trail Improvement and Paving Special Assessment District No. 19-01 and supported by Trustee Charboneau. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Commissioner Newman reported Straits Regional Ride has moved to behind Walmart. Clerk Jayne Passeno will be resigning as Township Clerk as of August 20, 2019.

OTHER BUSINESS: MTA August 29, 2019 at 7:00pm at Munro township Hall.

PAY BILLS: Clerk Passeno presented a list of bills for the Boards approval. A motion by Treasurer Couture and supported by Supervisor Archambo and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion by Supervisor Archambo and supported by Treasurer Couture to adjourn the Benton Township meeting at 9:24pm. Motion carried.