

BENTON TOWNSHIP

The September 4, 2018 Benton Township Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Five board members were present: Supervisor Andrew Archambo, Clerk Jayne Passeno, Trustee Chuck Beckwith, Treasurer Ann Couture and Trustee Mike Charboneau. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman and 12 electorates were present.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

MINUTES: A motion to accept the July 3, 2018 meeting minutes and bills paid in the month of July was made by Trustee Beckwith and supported by Treasurer Couture. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: DEQ Notice of Authorization for Dan Miller to place 111 cubic yards of riprap shore protection along 125 feet of shore line on Lake Huron.

DEQ Notice of Authorization for Chris Tracy to place 65 cubic yards of riprap shore protection along 120 feet of shoreline on Lake Huron.

DEQ Notice of Authorization for Joel & Audrey Martinchek to construct a permanent open pile 6 foot wide with the last two 12 foot sections being 7 foot wide dock and two mooring pilings on the south side of the dock on Black River. State of Michigan Notice of Hearing before the Michigan Public Service Commission for the Natural Gas customer of DTE Gas Company. DTE Gas Company request that the Michigan Public Service Commission's approval for determination of Credit B to reflect the effects of the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.

REPORTS: Supervisor Archambo has been contacted by the company that will be replacing 70 miles of wooden electrical poles with metal poles along US 23 Highway. Future plans and details will be provided when available. Treasurer Couture attended a BSA training program in Bath, Michigan for training and updates on the tax program. Trustee Beckwith presented the new bike maps that are being distributed by the Rails to Trails committee. At the July MTA meeting, Paige Perry distributed information on grants that are available to the townships from the DNR.

Clerk Passeno relayed the concerns of residents that are renting the Community Center in advance of a year or more and the security deposit check of \$200.00 is cashed immediately and the funds held by the Township. Community Center custodian Keith reported that the renters on July 21st left a mess and it took him 4 hours to clean the area. The Board chose to refund the deposit due to lack of pictures illustrating the unclean areas. Ken Pletcher contacted the office requesting an opportunity to talk to the Board regarding the insurance needs at the township. Clerk Passeno will arrange for Mr. Pletcher to make a presentation to the Board at September's meeting.

LIBRARY LIAISON: Mary Ellen Enos was unavailable for report.

FIRE CHIEF: Chief Williams was unavailable for report.

GROUNDKEEPER: Doug Felmlee reported that the 55 gallon trash barrel at the end of Beebe Road is missing and he replaced the barrel and chained it to a tree. The windscreens for the pickle ball court have arrived and will be installed on Thursday.

OLD BUSINESS: Brent Shank from the CCRC updated the Board on the procedure to obtain possession of the road ends in Benton Township by road abandonment or transfer of Jurisdiction. Trustee Beckwith voiced his concern regarding the possibility of a law suit and the financial burden that would be placed on the township.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion to approve the property split for David & Renee Simmons was made by Treasurer Couture and supported by Clerk Passeno. Motion carried.

Treasurer Couture purchased a \$100,000.00 Certificate of Deposit mBank for an interest rate of 2.65% for 25 months. A CD from 1st Federal Bank matured on July 30, 2018 to which Treasurer Couture invested the principal amount of \$100,000.00 into a CD at mBank for 15 months at an interest rate of 2.15%. The earned interest was deposited into the General Fund.

Due to the recent acquisition of First Federal of Northern Michigan by mBank, Treasurer Couture presented the following Investment Policy for approval .

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of Benton Township, Cheboygan, Michigan, held on the 7th day of August, 2018, at 7:00pm EST, in the Benton Township Hall in Benton Township, Cheboygan, Michigan there were five Board members present: Andrew Archambo, Jayne Passeno, Ann Couture, Michael Charboneau and Charles Beckwith. Absent: None.

The following resolution was offered by Board Member Ann M. Couture and supported by Board Member Andrew Archambo.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF TOWNSHIP FUNDS
AND APPROVING TOWNSHIP INVESTMENT POLICY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 20 of the Township Board of Michigan of 1943, as amended, (Act 20) the Township Board members of the Township of Benton may authorize the Township Treasurer to invest Township funds in certain investments; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to authorize such investments as are permitted by Act 20; and

WHEREAS, Section 5 of Act 20 requires this Township Board in conjunction with the Township Treasurer to adopt an investment policy which complies with the provision of Act 20; and

WHEREAS, the Township Treasurer has submitted a proposed investment policy which complies with provisions of Act 20.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Township Board of Benton Township, Cheboygan, Michigan as follows:

1. The Township Treasurer is authorized to invest funds of the Township of Benton in investments authorized by Act 20.
2. The Investment Policy attached hereto as Appendix 1 is approved and shall take effect on August 7, 2018.
3. Before executing an order to purchase or trade the funds of the Township of Benton, a financial intermediary, broker or dealer shall be provided with a copy of the Township's Investment Policy and shall acknowledge receipt of the Investment Policy and agree to comply with the terms of the Investment Policy regarding the buying or selling of securities by executing the form attached as Appendix 2.
4. The Township Treasurer is authorized to rely on the continuing effect of this resolution until and unless it is specifically amended or rescinded by a future resolution of the Township Board.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
6. A vote on the foregoing resolution was taken and was as follows:

Ayes: Ann M. Couture, Jayne L. Passeno, Andrew Archambo, Michael Charboneau and Charles Beckwith

Nays: None

Abstention: None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

A Resolution in opposition to House Bill 6049 and Senate Bill 1025 was presented by Trustee Beckwith. After a discussion a motion to table the issue until the September monthly meeting was made by the Clerk Passeno and supported by Supervisor Archambo. Four votes to support the motion and one vote of opposition to the motion. Motion passed.

The community center custodian, Keith Fenlon, resigned as of August 3, 2018. Marianne Brejcha has shown interest in the position. Clerk Passeno will write up a job description for this position and forward it to the Board for approval. Brejcha will assume the position on a temporary basis until a job description is prepared and approved.

Treasurer Couture reported on an incident that she witnessed. On July 19, 2018 a non-resident was playing pickle ball at the Benton Township courts and fell on his hip incurring pain and numbness in his right leg. He was transported to the local hospital by his friend. Treasure Couture reported the incident with the liability insurance company.

An e-mail from Jeff Chevalier inquiring about providing computer support for the township at a monthly rate was presented. The Board did not foresee a need for monthly IT services. Clerk Passeno will send a reply to Chevalier.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Commissioner Mike Newman commented on the progress of the addition on the jail at the County Building. The Goldfront building has been removed and the space filled in with sand. The tri-county 911 service will have a millage on the ballot in November.

Amanda McCleery and Alex Trefney presented a request for assistance in the cost of clean up of a hazardous dumping ground of garbage at 5626 Orchard Beach Road. Treasurer Couture made a motion to make an exception for these new residents to use the services of the transfer station at our cost to Republic Services for 5-40 yard dumpster loads. Support was offered by Supervisor Archambo and the motion carried.

MTA will be held August 30, 2018 at Munro Township at 7:00pm.

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

ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion by Clerk Passeno and supported by Supervisor Archambo to adjourn the Benton Township meeting at 8:39 pm. Motion carried.