

BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

DATE: SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

5012 ORCHARD BEACH ROAD CHEBOYGAN MI. 49721

The September 5, 2023 meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Present were 5 board members: Supervisor Bruce Brandt, Treasurer Jayne Passeno, Clerk Carol Neumann, Trustee Pete Redmond, and Trustee Ron Fenlon. In addition Constable Tim Fenlon and 9 electorates were present.

Supervisor Brandt added ARPA to old business, and Property line on new business on the agenda. Trustee Redmond made a motion to accept the August minutes with two changes. The motion was supported by Supervisor Brandt and carried by all. Treasurer Passeno made a motion to accept the bills paid in August and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all. Mrs. McFadden talked about the traffic and speed on her road(Mackinaw Straits Drive). She also stated that the road is very narrow. Supervisor Brandt said he will be talking to Cheboygan County Road Commission on this. Mrs. Sperl talked about putting a light up on the corner of Mullett Lake Woods Road and M-33. Supervisor Brandt stated that it is the State that decides on the lighting of roads. Supervisor Brandt read two letters from EGLE. Supervisor Brandt stated that they are fixing some playground equipment at the park. Clerk Neumann gave an update on the upcoming elections. The County Clerk informed the township clerks that she will take over the 9 days of early voting for all of Cheboygan county. Clerk Neumann made a motion to have the Cheboygan County Clerk do the 9 days of early voting for Benton Township and was supported by Treasurer Passeno. The motion was carried by all. Treasurer Passeno stated that there is a conference for Treasures on Oct. 11, 2023. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to have Treasurer Passeno go to the conference and was supported by Clerk Neumann. The motion was carried by all. Library Liaison Mary Ellen Enos gave a report on the library and money balance of \$348,428.66. Fire Chief Fenlon stated that he has received request for over 700 smoke alarms. The fire departments Van is fixed and fire truck #3 will be going to get fixed. Grounds Keeper Doug Felmlee reported that the cement at the Community Center has been sealed and by the end of the month he will be removing the trash cans at the road ends for the year. Treasurer Passeno stated that letters were sent out from Benton township board on concerns about Vanyea Road and Mognrain Bridge. Supervisor Brandt stated that the county will be putting down gravel on some of Benton Township roads this month. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to use the ARPA money for Carter Road paving and the improving of the Community Center. The motion was supported by Trustee Redmond and carried by all. Clerk Neumann reported on wanting electricity at the Transfer Station. Mrs. Ross stated she would get information on a solar generator for the board. Supervisor stated that recycling of batteries is getting more difficult. Clerk Neumann will be contacting our insurance company on this and talking to Battery Solutions on getting special containers. Supervisor Brandt talked about putting a fence up on the Northwest of Benton township property. Supervisor Brandt will get someone to mark the property line. Ms. Marsh informed the board that she needs help with what needs to be done on her property on

blight. Supervisor Brandt stated that two board members will make an appointment with her to see what can be done. Clerk Neumann read off the bills that need to be paid in September. Treasurer Passeno made a motion to pay the bills listed and was supported by Clerk Neumann. The motion was carried by all. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47pm and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all.