

The 2nd day of April, 2019 Benton Township Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL; Four board members were present: Supervisor Andrew Archambo, Treasurer Ann Couture, Trustee Charles Beckwith and Trustee Mike Charboneau. Deputy Clerk Carol Neumann sitting in for Township Clerk Jayne Passeno. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman and 7 electorates were present.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Supervisor Archambo added to new business, estimates on new carpet for township meeting room, and electrical on fire hall on M-23. Treasurer Couture added to old business, Tim McArthur retainer agreement and bill.

MINUTES: A motion to accept the March 5th, 2019 minutes, Resolutions and bills paid in March was made by Trustee Beckwith and supported by Treasurer Couture.

Correspondence: None

Reports: Treasurer Couture reported she received 97% of the summer taxes which is very good, and all the personal property taxes.

LIBRARY LIAISON: Mary Ellen Enos reported that the library started E magazine on Flipster App. You just download on your phone. You can now sign out books from your phone using a bar code. Comic expo did well except for the weather. The Library is getting new furniture for the children's room. The bank balance is \$229,080.13.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: No one present from fire department.

GROUND KEEPER: Doug Felmlee reported little snow plowing now. Doug wanted to know about putting new landscape timbers around the Community Center. The ones there are starting to rot and have been there at least 9 years. Doug had a news article about recycling, saying China used to buy our recyclables but have stopped so the recyclables are being put into the landfill. Emmet County is pretty liable right now on recycling. Treasurer Couture said she knows there is grant money out there for rebuilding recycle areas. Trustee Beckwith brought up the topic of door locks at Alverno Fire Hall. At the budget meeting, it was agreed to purchase door locks for the fire hall. Doug and Chuck replaced one door lock on the south side of building. Trustee Beckwith requested that one more should be ordered for the side door and mentioned that we are responsible for the maintenance of the fire stations in Benton Township. Trustee Charboneau said there is no keys for the door locks right now and requested all locks be drilled so they all use the same keys and have some be made up for the firemen. A motion was made by Trustee Beckwith and supported by Supervisor Archambo. All was in favor. Motion passed. Trustee Beckwith said he was contacted by the fire department that the new fire truck that was purchased last year has a warning light on. It's been on for some months now and is real bright, which is troublesome when driving. Right now they have put black tape over it. Supervisor Archambo said he would call CSI and see if they will come and look at it. Trustee Beckwith said the truck is under warranty.

OLD BUSINESS: Treasurer Couture gave the board Tim MacArthur Law Firm's Retainer for the 2019-2020 year of \$500.00. Ann also gave us Tim MacArthur's bill for the year of \$773.00, which is the balance after the \$500.00 retainer paid last year. Tim MacArthur has raised his hourly rate to \$180.00. Trustee Beckwith made a motion to keep MacArthur for 2019-2020 as our attorney and supported by Treasurer Couture. All was in favor. Motion passed.

NEW BUSSINESS: Road cleanup by board members. Trustee Beckwith said he would do the South side. Treasurer Couture said she would do the North side. Trustee Charboneau said he would do the East side, and Supervisor Archambo said he would do the West side of Benton Township.

Supervisor Archambo read an E-mail from JoAnne Gareau about their road sign that was changed from a red sign to a green sign, this last summer. JoAnne lives on Eli Court, off of M-33. The board is thinking that M-Dot must have changed signs when they were paving M-33 last summer. Supervisor Archambo said he would call Road commission on this.

The Board received a call from a Mr. David Zonca on Thursday March 28, 2019, stating that he fell at the recycle area on M-23, and broke his arm. Supervisor Archambo called the gentlemen Monday the 1st of April. Mr. Zonca wanted to let us know so we could make sure it was salted or sanded. Supervisor Archambo gave Mr. Zonca his cell number so if he had any concerns. An accident report will be filled out and sent in. Doug Felmlee went and took pictures of recycle area and has videos.

Supervisor Archambo states he has no prices on brining yet for this year. He will contact County and see where they're at on it.

Supervisor Archambo brought in two estimates from Full Circle on new carpeting for Benton Township meeting room. Archambo will bring in samples and more estimates from different business' in town to the May Board meeting.

The electrical service on Fire Station #2 on M-23 is pulling away from the building due to the ice and weather. Supervisor Archambo is requesting that the electrical be put under ground from the pole and fix electrical service. Board all approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mike Newman said all is quiet. Marv Smith will be working 3 days a week starting this week.

OTHER BUSINESS: MTA- April 25, 2019 at 7:00pm at Koehler Township Hall

PAY BILLS: Carol Neumann presented a list of bills for the Boards Approval. Connie Sexton for \$200.00 CC refund, Lisa Taylor for \$200.00 CC refund, Jayne Passeno for \$144.14 reimburse for 2 chairs in hall, Alverno Fire Dept. for \$108,571.30 annual pmt., AT&T for \$168.77 Utilities, Cheboygan County for \$21,975.07 Bi-annual payment, Carquest for \$59.95 towels, mop and mop handles, Comsumers Energy for \$373.98 Utilities, Emmet County Dept. of Public Works fro \$1200.00 Feb. recycle, GFL for \$954.81 February, Johnson Snow Plowing for \$105.00 Transfer station, KCI for \$534.02 Assessment Notices, National Office Products for

\$174.74 office supplies, Sault-Cheboygan Media Group for \$142.90 Budget and Meeting notices, PIE&G for \$792.96 Utilities, Dick Cartmill for \$400.00 BOR, Charlie Reager for \$587.00 BOR, Gerald Svetcos for \$500.00 BOR, MacArthur Law Firm for \$500.00 Retainer, MacArthur Law Firm for \$773.00 fees from last year. A motion by Treasurer Couture and supported by Supervisor Archambo to pay bills. All was in favor. Motion passed.

AJOURNMENT: There was a motion by Treasure Couture and supported by Trustee Charboneau to adjourn the April 2, Benton Township Meeting at 7:36pm. Motion carried.