

The January 9, 2018 Benton Township Budget Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Five board members were present: Supervisor Andrew Archambo, Treasurer Ann Couture, Clerk Jayne Passeno, Trustee Charles Beckwith and Trustee Mike Charboneau. No electorates were present.

The Benton Township Board reviewed the available grants from the DEQ for recycling and the Par Plan for safety equipment. The DEQ grant will not meet the township needs but the Board will pursue a grant from Par Plan in the Spring of 2018.

Wages for the hourly township employees will remain the same as the previous year with the exception of the township/park/recycling custodian, Doug Felmlee, which will increase by one dollar and hour. The Trustees and Supervisor declined an increase in salaries. The salaries for the Treasurer and Clerk will increase to \$19, 085.00 annually. The Election Workers, Absentee Counting Board, Board of Review Members, Library Board Liaison, Assessor and Constable will remain at the same rate as the last fiscal year. The mileage rate will stay at the IRS standard mileage rate.

A discussion of the upcoming repairs, maintenance and improvements included the replacement of the fascia on the Hall, sealing the newly paved parking area for the Community Center, maintenance of the wood floors, tree removal, repair of the wooden frames on the doors and windows of the Community Center and Hall.

Questions raised by the land owners on Canton Road and West Black Lane regarding the interest owed to Cheboygan County for the Road Loan Program and computation of the final cost for the project was discussed. A tentative date for a special meeting with the land owners was set for January 18th, 2018 at 6:00pm.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm was made by Treasurer Couture and seconded by Trustee Beckwith.

Motion carried by all.

Supervisor, Andrew Archambo _____

Treasurer, Ann Couture _____

Clerk, Jayne Passeno _____

Trustee, Charles Beckwith _____

Trustee, Mike Charboneau _____