

The January 2, 2019 Benton Township Budget Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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

Wages for the hourly township employees will remain the same as the previous year. All elected officials declined an increase in salaries. 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 soffit and fascia on the Hall, repair of the wooden frames on the doors and windows of the Community Center and Hall. An increase of \$300.00 for the Cheboygan County Humane Society contract for animal control services, bringing the total to \$2,300.00 yearly was agreed upon. The cost for transfer station and recycle bin transportation will increase approximately 40 percent. Budget monies for an audit that will be conducted for a two year period. Improving the cement slab and a roof for protection from the weather at the entrance/exit from the Community Center main hall (towards the horseshoe pits). The board budgeted for a generator that will service the Community Center and the Hall. Upgrades for the door locks at Fire Station #5. Projections for upcoming road projects e.i. Cordwood Trail was discussed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm was made by Treasurer Couture and seconded by Trustee Charboneau.

Motion carried by all.

Supervisor, Andrew Archambo _____

Treasurer, Ann Couture _____

Clerk, Jayne Passeno _____

Trustee, Charles Beckwith _____

Trustee, Mike Charboneau _____