

BENTON TOWNSHIP

The February 7, 2017 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: Treasurer Ann Couture, Clerk Jayne Passeno, Supervisor Andrew Archambo, Trustee Charles Beckwith and Trustee Mike Charboneau. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman and Constable Tim Fenlon and 16 electorates were present.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

MINUTES: There was a motion by Trustee Beckwith to approve minutes and bills from the January 3, 2017 monthly meeting and supported by Treasurer Couture. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: A public invitation from Bearinger Township Supervisor, Archie Patterson, to attend an informative meeting regarding the Connect America Fund project. David Vance from Frontier Communications will give a presentation March 14, 2017 at 6:30pm at Bearinger Township hall.

A State of MI Notice of Hearing for the customers of DTE Gas Company, Tuesday, February 14, 2017, 9:00am in Lansing.

An authorized revision from MI DEQ for Zachary Morrish regarding MDEQ permit WRP004047.

MI DEQ notice regarding a minor revision for authorized on permit WRP004479 for Robert Andrews.

A request from Top O Michigan Outboard Racing Club for a waiver of the "no wake" ordinance August 12 and 13, 2017, during the Marathon National Championships. A motion to approve this request was made by Trustee Beckwith with support from Supervisor Archambo. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor Archambo reported that he will be meeting with the Cheboygan County Road Commission Feb 15th at 11:00 am to discuss future projects.

Trustee Beckwith presented the budget for Oak Hill Cemetery that will be presented for approval at Aloha Township Hall Thursday, February 9th, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Clerk Passeno presented a quote from Nieland & Kosankee, P.C. for the two year audit of Benton Township and Alverno Fire Dept. The Board will review the quote and make a decision on acceptance of the contract at the March monthly meeting. A motion was made by Treasurer Couture and supported by Trustee Beckwith to pay the annual dues for the MTA. Motion carried. Clerk Passeno commented on the current cleaning of the Community Center by Brad Jewell's cleaning service. Due to medical reasons, Benton Twp. resident, David Brandt's company was unable to perform the work. The mis-communication with AT&T regarding turning off the telephone service at the Community Center and retaining the service at the sanitation center has been resolved. The Board agreed to retain Gerald Brandt as the third representative on the Alverno Fire Board for another year.

Library Liason: Mary Ellen Enos was unable to attend the meeting due to weather conditions.

Fire Chief: Chief Williams reported that it has been a slow month with two structure fires, one personal accident, and three training sessions.

Groundskeeper report: Doug Felmlee was unable to attend due to weather. He reported a table missing in the Community Center. Clerk Passeno will check on how many were purchased and have inventory checked.

OLD BUSINESS: Aubert Construction has completed the refinishing of the Community Center floors and installing tongue and groove pine in the storage area to cover holes and protect the walls. The results are amazing and new rugs for the entryways will be ordered.

A Resolution adopting the Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet County Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved by all on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2016

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CHARLEVOIX, CHEBOYGAN AND EMMET COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS the Counties of Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet, MI, have experienced natural hazards that result in public safety hazards and damage to private and public property;

WHEREAS the hazard mitigation planning process set forth by the State of Michigan and the Federal Emergency Management Agency offers the opportunity to consider natural hazards and risks, and to identify mitigation actions to reduce future risk;

WHEREAS the Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division is providing federal mitigation funds to support development of the mitigation plan;

WHEREAS THE Hazard Mitigation Plans for Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet Counties have been combined and updated by the Tri-County Office of Emergency Management.

WHEREAS the Hazard Mitigation Plan includes a prioritized list of mitigation actions including activities that, over time, will help minimize and reduce safety threats and damage to private and public property, and

WHEREAS the draft plan was provided to each participating jurisdiction and was posted on the Tri-County Office of Emergency Management's website so as to introduce the planning concept and to solicit questions and comments from the public.

WHEREAS public hearings were held in Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet County to allow the public the opportunity to comment on the plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, as submitted to and approved by the Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division and the Federal Emergency Management Agency on October 20, 2016 by the Tri-County Office of Emergency Management was adopted as an official plan of Counties of Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet.

1. The Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, as submitted to and approved by the Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division and the Federal Emergency Management Agency on October 20, 2016 by the Tri-County Office of Emergency Management was adopted as an official plan of Counties of Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet.
2. The Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet County departments identified in the plan may now pursue implementation of the recommended high priority activities that are assigned to their departments.
3. Any action proposed by the plan shall be subject to and contingent upon budget approval, if required, which shall be at the discretion of the Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet County Board of Commissioners respectively and this resolution shall not be interpreted so as to mandate any such appropriations.
4. The Emergency Management Coordinator is designated to coordinate with other offices and shall periodically report on the activities, accomplishments, and progress.
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The Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet plan is hereby adopted as an official plan for the Township of Benton in the County of Cheboygan this 7th day of February, 2017.

Upon motion of Supervisor Archambo and support by Clerk Passeno the resolution and policy was voted on by roll call vote:

Those voting Aye: Trustee Beckwith, Trustee Charboneau, Supervisor Archambo, Clerk Passeno, Treasurer Couture

Those voting Nay: None

Those Absent: None

Motion carried.

Supervisor Archambo presented a synopsis of the meeting with the Cheboygan County Commissioners Road Committee that was held Friday, February 3rd. Trustees Beckwith, Clerk Passeno and Supervisor Archambo were in attendance and conveyed the positive feedback from the meeting. Supervisor Archambo read a letter from Doug Damm requesting a resolution from the Board authorizing the Supervisor to sign a contract with the CCRC upon approval from Cheboygan County Commissioners.

Trustee Beckwith made a motion to get an advanced copy of the contract from the Cheboygan County Commissioners to be reviewed by Attorney Tim MacArthur and the Benton Township Board to expedite the approval and begin the bidding process by CCRC. Support was made by Trustee Charboneau. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: The annual Benton Township budget meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Clerk Passeno presented the following list of budget transfers for approval.

Feb-17	Budget Transfer	Transfer In	Transfer Out
General Fund			
101-101-998.000	Contingency Fund		\$1,350.00
101-101-910.000	Insurance and Bonds	\$200.00	
101-101-958.000	Dues	\$100.00	
101-253-706.000	Deputy Treasurer	\$700.00	
101-265-709.002	Community Center Custodian	\$350.00	
Liquor Fund			
212-330-998.000	Contingency Fund		\$20.00
212-330-706.006	Constable	\$20.00	

Treasurer Couture made a motion to approve the budget transfers, supported by Supervisor Archambo. Motion Carried.

The Board approved the appointment of Board of Review members Charlie Reager and Gary Williams. The Benton Township Board of Review Organizational Meeting will be held on March 7, 2017. The Board of Review committee will meet with the public on March 13, 2017 from 8:00am to 3:00pm and March 14, 2017 from 3:00pm to 9:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner, Mike Newman commented on the 10 committees that he has become a member of since his election. The Meijer project is being discussed at the monthly Inverness Township meeting tonight. The County Community Development committee will be revising the policy on short term, water front, property rentals.

MTA will be hosted at the Tuscarora Township Hall on February 23, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

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

ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion by Treasurer Couture and supported by Supervisor Archambo to adjourn the February Benton Township meeting at 7:55 pm. Motion carried.

February-17			
CHECK NUMBER	PAYEE	FUND	AMOUNT
2/9/2017	IRS	101	\$ 1,256.53
3567	KCI	101	\$ 1,332.10
3568	State of Michigan	101	\$ 313.85
3569	AT & T	101	\$ 386.29
3570	Aubert Construction	101	\$ 7,466.10

3571	Cheboygan Daily Tribune	101	\$ 74.70
3572	Emmet County Dept. of Public Works	101	\$ 1,822.50
3573	Ginop Sales & Services	101	\$ 240.12
3574	McKay Builders, Inc.	101	\$ 100.00
3575	MTA	101	\$ 50.00
3576	National Office Products	101	\$ 93.49
3577	Republic Services	101	\$ 3,108.00
3578	Rivertown Do It Center	101	\$ 102.40
3579	Werner Plumbing & Heating	101	\$ 9.94
3580	Michael Charboneau	101	\$ 243.71
DD907	Andrew Archambo	101	\$ 1,167.30
DD908	Charles Beckwith	101	\$ 321.94
DD909	Ann Couture	101	\$ 1,430.90
DD910	Clayton McGovern	101	\$ 2,525.03
DD911	Jayne Passeno	101	\$ 1,324.68
3581	Dave Conlin	101	\$ 25.00
3582	USPS	101	\$ 21.00
3583	Charlie Reager	101	\$ 92.35
3584	Gary Williams	101	\$ 92.35
DD912	Deborah Berden	101	\$ 121.57
DD913	Douglas Felmlee	101	\$ 281.04
DD914	Charles Getz Jr.	101	\$ 204.24
DD915	Carol Neumann	101	\$ 444.76
DD916	Marvin Smith	101	\$ 354.62
3585	Halley Birchmeier	101	\$ 50.00
3586	Carquest Auto Parts	101	\$ 83.25
3587	Consumers Energy	101	\$ 359.85
3588	Johnson Snow Plowing	101	\$ 180.00
3589	National Office Products	101	\$ 158.00
3590	PIE & Gas Co-Op	101	\$ 778.69
3591	Straits Area Janitorial	101	\$ 2,120.55
3592	Werner Plumbing & Heating	101	\$ 16.02
			\$ 28,752.87
SUPERVISOR ANDREW ARCHAMBO _____			
TREASURER ANN COUTURE _____			
CLERK JAYNE PASSENO _____			
TRUSTEE MICHAEL CHARBONEU _____			
TRUSTEE CHARLES BECKWITH _____			