

BENTON TOWNSHIP

Supervisor Archambo opened the public hearing on the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Supervisor Archambo asked for comments. There were no comments. A motion was made by Trustee Beckwith to close the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget supported by Trustee Charboneau. Motion carried. The Budget meeting was closed at 7:02 pm.

The March 7, 2017 Benton Township Board Meeting was called to order at 7:02 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 26 electorates were present.

MINUTES: There was a motion by Trustee Beckwith to accept the minutes and bills from the February 7, 2017 monthly meeting and the minutes from the February 21, 2017 Benton Township budget meeting. Supervisor Archambo supported the motion. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Correspondence from Kathy and Dave Engelhardt.

CORRESPONDENCE: PIE Gas Co-Op copy of the presentation for the liaison meeting that was held on January 30 and February 1st, 2017.

PIE Gas Co-OP announces the Gas Cost Recover Rate (GCR) will be reduced from \$.04941 to \$.04795 per ccf effective April 1, 2017.

State of MI Notice of Hearing for the customers of Consumers Energy Company regarding the requests that the Michigan Public Service Commission issue a financing order approving the securitization of up to \$184.6 million of Qualified Costs and related approvals.

State of MI Notice of Hearing for the customers of PIE & Gas Co-Op regarding a request that the Michigan Public Service commission approve a gas recovery plan and factors for the 12 month period of April 2017 through March 2018.

Dave & Kathy Englehardt supporting the Canton Road & West Black Lane project.

REPORTS: Library Liaison, Mary Ellen Enos reported that the Director reported legislation signed by Governor Snyder exempting libraries from tax capture. The profit from the sale of used books that are sold will now be directed to the Library Improvement fund. A new book drop will be purchased with financial help from the Friends of the Library Committee. Quilts are on display at the library for the month of March. The bank balance is \$307,589.08.

Fire Chief, Gary Williams was not in attendance but Station #4 Captain, Pat LaCross reported that it has been a quiet month, a few reports of car fires and gas leaks. AFD participated in the program at UAW for the children who have suffered severe burns. The controlled burn at the Barr house will be on Saturday, March 18th.

Groundskeeper, Doug Felmlee reported on general maintenance. Due to equipment issue with the heavy, wet snow last week, Beau Johnson was hired for a one time job of plowing the parking lots.

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Beckwith made a motion to contract with Nieland & Kosanke for the 2016-2017 audit. Treasurer Couture supported the motion. Motion carried.

Ross Bell commented on the availability of funds for the Cordwood Trail paving project with the large project on Canton Road & West Black Lane project.

PUBLIC ACT 188 of 1954 PROCEEDINGS

Excerpts of a minutes of a regular meeting of the Benton Township Board of Benton Township, County of Cheboygan, Michigan, held at the Benton Township Hall on the 7th day of March, 2017, at 7:00 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT: ARCHAMBO, COUTURE, PASSENO, BECKWITH and CHARBONEAU

ABSENT: None

The Supervisor reported that the next order of business was the consideration of the improvement, upgrading and paving of Canton Road from South River Road easterly to the end of the road and West Black Lane from Canton Road to the end of the road under authority of Michigan Public Act 188 of 1954, as amended. He reported that a public hearing on this project had been held on September 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regular meeting of the township board. The Clerk reported that a proper Notice of the September 6, 2016 public hearing on these matters had been published in the **Cheboygan Daily Tribune** on August 26, 2016

and September 2, 2016 and had been mailed by first class mail to each property owner within the proposed assessment district as shown on the current tax rolls of the township on August 17, 2016. Affidavits of the publications and mailing of these Notices will be filed as a part of the records of the meeting. At the public hearing, the Clerk had called for any objections or comments to the resolution for the project, the proposed improvements, the general plans therefor, the estimate of costs of \$501,490.55, less any amounts to be contributed by Benton Township, together with all costs, fees and charges associated with establishment of the Special Assessment District and the proposed Special Assessment District, which costs were to be assessed as described in the Notice of the hearing. At the public hearing, questions were asked concerning the project, and written objections were filed as part of the records of the hearing. After discussion, the following Preamble and Resolution were, upon motion, submitted by trustee Beckwith and supported by Trustee Charboneau, for adoption:

RESOLUTION ON THE CANTON ROAD AND WEST BLACK LANE IMPROVEMENT AND PAVING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT No. 17-1.

WHEREAS, the township board of the Township of Benton acting by Petitions received by the Township Board and a Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Benton Township Board of Trustees on December 8, 2015, and determined to proceed under the provisions of 1954 PA 188, as amended, to secure plans and estimates of cost together with a proposed Special Assessment District for assessing the costs for improving, upgrading and paving Canton Road from South River Road easterly to the end of the road and West Black Lane from Canton Road to the end of the road and scheduled and conducted a public hearing upon the same on September 6, 2016, and

WHEREAS, the general plan, estimates of cost and proposed Special Assessment District were filed with the township Clerk for public examination and Notice of the within hearing upon the same was published and mailed in accordance with the law and statute provided as shown by Affidavits pertaining thereto on file with the township Clerk, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the aforesaid Notices, a hearing was scheduled and held on the 6th day of September, 2016 commencing at 6:00 o'clock p.m., and all persons given the opportunity to be heard on this matter, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the foregoing, the township board believes the project to be in the best interests of the township and of the district proposed to be established therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

1. That this township board does hereby determine that this resolution for establishment of **THE CANTON ROAD AND WEST BLACK LANE IMPROVEMENT AND PAVING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT No. 17-1** shall

be and hereby is adopted.

2. That this township board does hereby approve the general plan for improving, upgrading and paving Canton Road from South River Road easterly to the end of the road and West Black Lane from Canton Road to the end of the road as submitted and the estimate of costs for the completion thereof of \$501,490.55, less any amounts to be contributed by Benton Township, plus all costs, fees and charges associated with establishment of the Special Assessment District. 3. That this township board does hereby create, determine and define as a Special Assessment District to be known as **THE CANTON ROAD AND WEST BLACK LANE IMPROVEMENT AND PAVING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT No. 17-1** within which the improving, upgrading and paving Canton Road from South River Road easterly to the end of the road and West Black Lane from Canton Road to the end of the road shall be assessed according to benefits, within the following described area within said township: All parcels of real property on both sides of Canton Road from South River Road easterly to the end of the road and West Black Lane from Canton Road to the end of the road located in Benton Township, Cheboygan County, Michigan.

4. That on the basis of the foregoing, this township board does hereby direct the assessing officer to make a special assessment roll in which shall be entered and described all the parcels of land to be assessed with the names of the respective owners thereof if known, and a total amount to be assessed against each parcel of land which amount shall be the relative portion of the whole sum to be levied against the parcels of land in the Special Assessment District as the benefit to the parcel of land bears to the total benefit to all the parcels of land in the Special Assessment District. When the same has been completed, the Supervisor or assessing officer shall affix thereto his Certificate stating that it was made pursuant to this Resolution and that in making such assessment roll, he has, according to his best judgement, conformed in all respect to the directions contained in this Resolution and the applicable state statutes.

5. That all Resolutions and parts of Resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of the within Resolutions be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted "Aye": Trustee Beckwith, Trustee Charboneau, Treasurer Couture, Clerk Passeno, Supervisor Archambo

The following voted "Nay": None

The following abstained: None

The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the Resolution duly ADOPTED. The Supervisor then reported that, in anticipation of the foregoing Resolution, the assessment roll has been completed. The following Preamble and Resolution were then submitted upon motion of Trustee Beckwith and supported by Trustee Charboneau, for adoption:

RESOLUTION SCHEDULING HEARING ON ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE CANTON ROAD AND WEST BLACK LANE IMPROVEMENT AND PAVING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT No. 17-1

WHEREAS, the Supervisor and assessing officer of the township, in accordance with this Resolution of the township board and the laws and statutes pertinent thereto, will prepare a special assessment roll in the total amount of \$501,490.55, less any amounts to be contributed by Benton Township, plus all costs, fees and charges associated with establishment of the Special Assessment District and covering all the parcels of land in **THE CANTON ROAD AND WEST BLACK LANE IMPROVEMENT AND PAVING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT No. 17-1** within the next ten (10) days, according to the relation of the benefit to each parcel of land to the total benefit to all parcels of land in such Special Assessment District and shall affix thereto his Certificate as required by said Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the said special assessment roll shall be filed with the township Clerk and shall be available for public examination during regular working hours of regular working days from March 10, 2017 until the public hearing upon the same and may further be examined at such public hearing.
2. That the township board shall meet at 6:00 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at the Benton Township Hall located 5012 Orchard Beach Road, Cheboygan, MI 49721, to review such special assessment roll and hear any objections thereto.
3. That the township Clerk shall cause Notice of such hearing and the filing of such assessment roll to be published twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the township prior to the date of the hearing with the first publication being not less than ten (10) days prior to the hearing and shall further cause Notice of such hearing to be mailed by First Class Mail to all owners of or persons interested in property within **THE CANTON ROAD AND WEST BLACK LANE IMPROVEMENT AND PAVING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT No. 17-1** as shown on the current assessment roll of the township also at least ten (10) days prior to said hearing, all in accordance with law and statute provided.
4. All Resolutions and parts of Resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of the within Resolution are hereby rescinded.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted "Aye": Treasurer Couture, Clerk Passeno, Supervisor Archambo, Trustee Charboneau, Trustee Beckwith

The following voted "Nay": None

The following abstained: None

The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the Resolution duly adopted.

A discussion regarding when the funds from Benton Township would be available for the Cordwood Trail Road project. Ross Bell stated that the required 51% of signatures have been acquired. Benton Township Board will address this matter after the cost of the Canton Road & West Black Lane improvements have been confirmed.

NEW BUSINESS: General Manager Tim Maylone introduced the services provided by Cherry Capital Communications to the public. His company specializes in high speed internet and telephone services. Maylone will be meeting with the Community Development Committee on April 5, 2017 regarding a Special Use Permit to erect a tower on Wartella Road. The Board agreed to have attorney Tim MacArthur review the contract, to which the fees will be reimbursed by Cherry Capital Communications.

The proposed 2017-2018 budget was presented by Clerk Passeno. A motion to accept the budget was made by Trustee Beckwith and supported by Clerk Passeno. Motion carried.

Clerk Passeno provided the proposed wage and mileage reimbursement rates. All salaries and hourly rates will remain the same as the previous year and the mileage will remain at the IRS Standard rate. A motion to accept the current rates was made by Supervisor Archambo and supported by Trustee Beckwith.

A motion to accept the yearly monthly meeting dates for 2017-2018 was made by Supervisor Archambo and supported by Clerk Passeno. Motion carried.

Trustee Beckwith provided the Oak Hill Cemetery budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. A motion to accept the budget as approved by the annual meeting was made by Trustee Beckwith and supported by Supervisor Archambo.

Clerk Passeno presented a request to transfer the \$50,000 from 2016-2017 Road Fund to the general checking account and the following list of budget transfers for approval.

	General Fund		
101-101-998.000	Contingency Fund		\$9,700.00
101-101-900.000	Printing & Publishing	\$400.00	
101-257-832.000	Assessor Contractual Services	\$500.00	
101-265-850.000	Bldg & Grounds Communications	\$900.00	
101-265-920-020	Community Center Utilities	\$300.00	
101-265-970.020	Capital Outlay Community Center	\$5,000.00	
101-333-920.000	Utilities - Fire Dept.	\$200.00	
101-448-920.001	Street Lights	\$100.00	
101-526-801.002	Prof. Services recycling	\$2,000.00	
101-751-920.000	Utilities - Park	\$200.00	
101-257-726.000	Assessor Supplies	\$100.00	

	Liquor Fund		
212-330-998.000	Contingency Fund		\$50.00
212-330-720.000	Pension Plan	\$50.00	

Trustee Beckwith made a motion to approve the budget transfers as presented. Trustee Charboneau supported the motion. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the 2017-2018 Municipal Retainer for Attorney Tim MacArthur was made by Treasurer Couture and supported by Supervisor Archambo. Motion carried.

The monthly MTA meeting will be held at Koehler Township on March 30th at 7:00 pm. Benton Townships March Board of Review will be held Monday, March 13th from 9:00am until 3:00pm and March 14th 3:00pm and 9:00pm.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Mike Newman reported on a planning session regarding the State Parks.

ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion by Trustee Charboneau and supported by Treasurer Couture to adjourn the March Benton Township meeting at 8:23 pm. Motion carried.

CHECK NUMBER	PAYEE	FUND	AMOUNT
3/12/2017	IRS	101	\$ 1,270.67
3593	State of Michigan	101	\$ 304.58
3594	Andrew Archambo	101	\$ 677.00
DD917	Andrew Archambo	101	\$ 1,122.64
DD918	Charles Beckwith	101	\$ 411.25
DD919	Michael Charboneau	101	\$ 290.49
DD920	Ann Couture	101	\$ 1,430.90
DD921	Timothy Fen lon	101	\$ 408.23
DD922	Clayton McGovern	101	\$ 2,525.03
DD923	Jayne Passeno	101	\$ 1,285.02
3595	AT&T	101	\$ 200.80
3596	Cheboygan Daily Tribune	101	\$ 201.85
3597	Consumers Energy	101	\$ 462.01
3598	Emmet County Dept of Public Works	101	\$ 1,146.25
3599	Jayne Passeno	101	\$ 313.06
3600	KCI	101	\$ 591.09
3601	MacArthur Law Firm	101	\$ 2,901.20
3602	McKay Builders	101	\$ 120.00
3603	Republic Services	101	\$ 1,708.69

3604	U-Verse	101	\$ 170.20
3605	Mary Ellen Enos	101	\$ 229.47
3606	Charlie Reager	101	\$ 468.38
3607	Gary Williams	101	\$ 277.05
DD924	Michaela Buhrman	101	\$ 198.79
DD925	Maureen Engle	101	\$ 74.24
DD926	Douglas Felmlee	101	\$ 645.43
DD927	Keith Fen lon	101	\$ 64.43
DD928	Charles Getz Jr.	101	\$ 142.31
DD929	Carol Neumann	101	\$ 302.67
DD930	Marvin Smith	101	\$ 354.64
3608	Michaela Buhrman	101	\$ 17.71
3609	Cheboygan Daily Tribune	101	\$ 500.90
3610	Danielle Lail	101	\$ 50.00
3611	Dave Conlin	101	\$ 25.00
3612	Gary Williams	101	\$ 50.00
3613	Paul Neumann	101	\$ 50.00
3614	PIE& Gas Co-Op	101	\$ 670.73
			\$ 21,662.71

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TREASURER ANN COUTURE	
CLERK JAYNE PASSENO	
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TRUSTEE CHARLES BECKWITH	