

## BENTON TOWNSHIP

The May 2, 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 Fen lon and 14 electorates were present.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Supervisor Archambo added the prices for a new lawn mower and Treasurer Couture added the check signing policy to new business

MINUTES: There was a motion by Trustee Beckwith to approve minutes and bills from the April 4, 2017 monthly meeting and supported by Treasurer Couture. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: State of Michigan Notice of Hearing for the electric customers of Consumers Energy Company regarding a request that the Michigan Public Service Commission authorize an increase in its rates for the generation and distribution of electricity and other relief.

State of Michigan Notice of Hearing for the electric and natural gas customers of Consumers Energy Company requesting that the Michigan Public Service Commission evaluate the regulatory review, revisions, determinations and or approvals necessary for Consumers Energy Company to fully comply with Public Act 295 of 2008 and Public Act 342 of 2016.

State of Michigan Notice of Hearing for the gas customers of Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-Op requesting from the Michigan Public Service Commission a TIER Ratemaking mechanism review for the twelve month period ended December 31, 2016 for its Regulated Gas Division.

An e-mail from John Dayton, USA Pickleball Association Ambassador congratulating Benton Township for providing Pickleball Courts and suggested that Benton Township add our location to the list of places to play website.

DEQ Notice of Authorization to install a permanent boat hoist with temporary cover for Ron Mallory at 3029 Canton Road.

REPORTS: Trustee Beckwith reported on the Rails to Trails completion of the north east rail bridge and the trail is fully open. New trail maps are now available. The DNR has repaired the North East trail south of Mann Road that was washed out with the weather and damage by beavers. A new sign has been installed at Aloha and there are plans for a kiosk for bike repairs. Supervisor Archambo commented on the seminars at the MTA conference. Clerk Passeno spoke on the networking and useful information provided at the conference. Clerk Passeno presented the concern of Keith Fen lon regarding the guidelines for the condition of the Community Center after it has been rented. An update on the trouble shooting with Lockstate for the electronic door at the Community Center was presented. Clerk Passeno updated the Board on the issue with the phone bill from AT&T not being delivered to the office for payment. An issue of Republic Services removing a bin before it was full was addressed and a refund was issued. The increasing cost of recycling, the cutoff of revenue sharing from cardboard and the inconsistency of invoicing was discussed. The renewal of the Workers Compensation Policy was presented to the Board for review.

LIBRARY LIAISON REPORT: Mary Ellen Enos reported on the disbursement from the state to replace lost PPT taxes in the amount of \$3,354.00. The local student's art work will be presented at the library from May 3<sup>rd</sup> to May 10. A brochure of upcoming classes and speakers in May and June at the library was provided. The current balance is \$489,561.32.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Chief Williams reported on AFD's last month of activity of 2 brush fires, 1 electrical fire, 1 gas leak, 1 power line and CO detector alarm. Recertification for CPR, 1<sup>st</sup> aid and air borne pathogens was completed. Five department members have completed 6 months of training for their firefighter 1 and 2 certificates. The firemen have been spring cleaning the outside of the fire hall and the roads in front of the hall.

GROUNDSKEEPER REPORT: Doug Felmlee has been preparing the equipment for grass cutting. Restrooms have been open for 3 weeks. Lance McKay installed the permanent sleeves for the pickleball court and Doug will be repainting the courts.

OLD BUSINESS: The cost for advertising the ordinance for Cherry Capital Communications will be \$513.45 in addition to the \$200.00 lawyer fee that has already been incurred. Supervisor Archambo made a motion to wait for

confirmation of reimbursement cost from Cherry Capital Communications before moving forward. Support was offered by Trustee Beckwith. Motion carried.

The Board addressed the concern of residents of Cordwood Trail regarding as to when the project for paving may begin. A projection of summer 2018 start date was discussed. Ross Bell presented his concern of property changing ownership and the new owners not agreeing to the project, bringing the percentage of residents in agreement for the project under the mandatory 50%. A special assessment meeting may be held in July 2017.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion to approve a property split for Gary & Betty Wall was made by Treasurer Couture and supported by Supervisor Archambo. Motion carried.

Supervisor Archambo and Trustee Charboneau presented four quotes for a zero turn lawn mower. A motion by Supervisor Archambo was made to purchase a 72" Country Chipper Mower from Taylor Power & Supply for \$9,572.20 and support was provided by Trustee Charboneau. Motion carried.

Treasurer Couture presented policy regarding signatures on checks. Checks must be signed by the Treasurer, Clerk or Deputy Treasurer only. Trustee Beckwith made a motion that general fund checks will be signed by the Clerk and Treasurer. Support was made by Supervisor Archambo. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Commissioner, Mike Newman commented on the failing health of Commissioner Tony Matelski. The county planning session has been reviewing the 911 facility upgrading to 800 mghz radio system for the three Counties with a cost of \$10 million. A kitchen facility for the Cheboygan County Jail and a storage facility for equipment will be considered. The County Marina is in need of upgrade for the gas dock and storage tanks at the cost of \$800,000 with a \$400,000 match from the DNR.

MTA will be hosted at the Hebron Township Hall on May 25, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** There was a motion by Treasurer Couture and supported by Trustee Charboneau to adjourn the May Benton Township meeting at 8:35 pm. Motion carried.

| <b>May-17</b> |                                 |      |             |
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| CHECK NUMBER  | PAYEE                           | FUND | AMOUNT      |
|               | IRS                             | 101  | \$ 1,435.16 |
| 3662          | State of Michigan               | 101  | \$ 305.53   |
| 3650          | AT&T                            | 101  | \$ 247.58   |
| 3651          | AT&T (U-Verse)                  | 101  | \$ 80.60    |
| 3652          | BSA Software                    | 101  | \$ 2,983.00 |
| 3653          | Cheboygan Daily Tribune         | 101  | \$ 275.25   |
| 3654          | Consumers Energy                | 101  | \$ 326.50   |
| 3655          | Dave Conlin                     | 101  | \$ 25.00    |
| 3656          | Emmet County Dept. of Pub Works | 101  | \$ 1,907.75 |
| 3657          | Jayne L. Passeno (Vacuum)       | 101  | \$ 112.93   |
| 3658          | Mckay Builders                  | 101  | \$ 1,200.00 |
| 3659          | PIE& Gas Co-Op                  | 101  | \$ 533.95   |
| 3660          | Printing Systems, Inc.          | 101  | \$ 37.09    |
| 3661          | Republic Services               | 101  | \$ 3,115.67 |
| 3663          | Taylor Power & Supply           | 101  | \$ 9,572.20 |
| 3664          | Tractor Supply Co.              | 101  | \$ 32.99    |
| DD943         | Andrew Archambo                 | 101  | \$ 1,167.30 |
| DD944         | Charles Beckwith                | 101  | \$ 366.59   |
| DD945         | Michael Charboneau              | 101  | \$ 243.72   |
| DD946         | Ann Couture                     | 101  | \$ 1,430.90 |

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| DD947                      | Clayton McGovern                | 101 | \$ 2,525.03  |
| DD948                      | Jayne L. Passeno                | 101 | \$ 1,285.02  |
| 3665                       | Beckman Production Services     | 101 | \$ 15,292.20 |
| 3666                       | Brenda Beckwith                 | 101 | \$ 50.00     |
| 3667                       | Christy Shampine                | 101 | \$ 50.00     |
| 3668                       | Emmet County Dept. of Pub Works | 101 | \$ 1,787.50  |
| 3669                       | LoAnn Bur                       | 101 | \$ 50.00     |
| 3670                       | Michigan Township Association   | 101 | \$ 2,608.87  |
| 3671                       | Ronald Maynard                  | 101 | \$ 50.00     |
| 3672                       | Sign & Banner Factory           | 101 | \$ 15.00     |
| 3673                       | Stacey Fogle                    | 101 | \$ 50.00     |
| 3674                       | Trisha Morrow                   | 101 | \$ 50.00     |
| 3675                       | William Brown                   | 101 | \$ 50.00     |
| DD949                      | Deborah Berden                  | 101 | \$ 162.10    |
| DD950                      | Douglas Felmlee                 | 101 | \$ 559.50    |
| DD951                      | Keith Fen lon                   | 101 | \$ 163.54    |
| DD952                      | Chuck Getz Jr.                  | 101 | \$ 253.44    |
| DD953                      | Carol Neumann                   | 101 | \$ 434.62    |
| DD954                      | Marvin Smith                    | 101 | \$ 1,196.86  |
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|                            |                                 |     | \$ 52,033.39 |
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| SUPERVISOR ANDREW ARCHAMBO |                                 |     |              |
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| TREASURER ANN COUTURE      |                                 |     |              |
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| CLERK JAYNE PASSENO        |                                 |     |              |
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| TRUSTEE MICHAEL CHARBONEAU |                                 |     |              |
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| TRUSTEE CHARLES BECKWITH   |                                 |     |              |
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