

## BENTON TOWNSHIP

The June 6, 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: Four board members were present: Treasurer Ann Couture, Clerk Jayne Passeno, Supervisor Andrew Archambo and Trustee Mike Charboneau. Trustee Beckwith was absent. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman and Constable Tim Fenlon and 12 electorates were present.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Supervisor Archambo added a boat shelter survey to new business and the Cordwood Trail road improvement under old business. Treasurer Couture added New Employee policy and treasurers retreat under new business.

MINUTES: There was a motion by Clerk Passeno to approve minutes and bills from the May 2, 2017 and support by Treasurer Couture. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: State of Michigan Public Service Commission notice of hearing for the gas customers of DTE Gas Company requesting approval of the amended Energy Optimization Plan.  
DEQ Notice of Authorization for Wayne Maltby to install an open pile cradle boat hoist at 1785 Lindburgh Lane.  
State of Michigan Dept. of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Public Service Commission regarding Public Act 480 of 2006 – Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act allowing customers who are unable to resolve their video/cable television complaints with their provider to file a complaint with the MPSC.  
Emmet County Dept. of Public Works regarding the inconsistent rates charged to Benton Township for recycling. Jayna Steffel credited the township for overcharges and updated the mixed containers rate to \$9.00 per yard and mixed fiber to \$7.00 per yard.

REPORTS: Supervisor Archambo reported that the roads in Benton Township have been brined. Supervisor Archambo attended the Duncan and Grass Bays Watershed Management Plan meeting and provided a binder of information regarding the plan for review. The next meeting will be held at the Cheboygan Public Library Monday June 5, 2017 from 3 to 5 pm. A presentation “Michigan Main Street – Cheboygan Style” will be held June 22, 2017 at the Cheboygan Public Library at 6:30pm. A Duncan Bay Nature Preserve Celebration will be held Friday, June 23, 2017 at 3:00pm at 997 Duncan Avenue.  
Clerk Passeno addressed the missing fascia on the hall in two places. Gary Williams will make the repairs. Clerk Passeno presented a variety of conference room chairs for purchase. A motion to purchase five, mesh back conference room chairs from Overstock was made by Supervisor Archambo and supported by Treasurer Couture. Approval for Clerk Passeno to attend the Clerks’ Professional Development Retreat on July 19-20, 2017 was made by Archambo and supported by Couture. Motion carried. Passeno advised of the Board of the issues with the Community Center door unlocking and will follow up with Lock state to trouble shoot the issues.

Library Liaison: Mary Ellen Eno was unable to attend.

Fire Chief: Gary Williams reported on the 10 runs that AFD addressed in the last month. AFD responded to a line down, gas leak, 3 brush fires, one chimney fire, training and a report of smoke in a house, a flooded basement causing electrical issues in the house and a pole barn fire.

Groundkeeper: Doug Felmlee reported that the Pickle Ball courts have been painted and are ready for use, the park has been busy with school field trips, and grass mowing time has decreased with the new mower. Maintenance has been performed on the wheel horse mower and Felmlee will address the issue of the tent worms around the walking path.

OLD BUSINESS: Correspondence from Cherry Capital Communications stating their position of reasonable cost for an ordinance by Benton Township. The \$200.00 lawyer fee was approved but the \$600.00 publication fee does not fit their budget. A motion to decline the ordinance due to the publishing cost was made by Clerk Passeno and supported by Supervisor Archambo. Motion carried.

The workers compensation policy was reviewed and the Board agreed to authorize the policy with BKC as presented.

Supervisor Archambo updated the public on the Cordwood special assessment. CCRC will not solicit bids until late winter 2017 or early spring 2018 for a project to be executed in 2018. Attorney, MacArthur suggested holding the 1<sup>st</sup> special meeting soon and to delay the 2<sup>nd</sup> special meetings until after the bids have been received. A motion to hold the first special meeting for the Cordwood Trail Project August 1, 2017 6:00pm by Supervisor Archambo and supported by Clerk Passeno. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion to decline the purchase of properties foreclosed on by Cheboygan County Treasurer was made by Treasurer Couture and supported by Supervisor Archambo. Motion carried.

A property line adjustment for Robert Cyman was presented. Treasurer Couture stated that Board approval was not required and made a motion to accept and file the application, supported by Supervisor Archambo. Motion carried.

A land division application for Gary Drolshagen was approved with the condition of the receipt of the signed Land Division Requirement Form by Treasurer Couture and supported by Clerk Passeno. Motion carried.

A land division for David and Susan Hudson was approved, with the condition of additional required signatures, by Treasurer Couture and supported by Clerk Passeno. Motion carried.

Clerk Passeno presented the L-4029 Tax Rate Request from the Equalization Dept. for review. Upon confirmation from Assessor McGovern regarding the 2017 taxable value of all properties the request will be completed and returned to Equalization Department.

Supervisor Archambo will contact Straits Area Janitorial and Jewell Cleaning for bids to clean and minor repairs of carpets in the hall. The members of the regular AA meeting will help with the cost. Motion made by Supervisor Archambo and supported.

A Boat Shelter Survey by the Cheboygan County Planning Commission regarding amending the regulations prohibiting boat houses on the waterways was completed in the affirmative for changing regulations.

Treasurer Couture pointed out the necessity of Board approval for all employees. The issue pertains to the temporary replacement of secretary position in March due to overlapping vacations.

Treasurer Couture received support from Supervisor Archambo and Trustee Charboneau to attend a Treasurer Conference in Frankenmuth. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Commissioner Newman reported on the passing of Cheboygan County Commissioner Chairman, Tony Matelski. Roberta Matelski was elected to the open position on the CCC Board. Christopher Brown was appointed Chairman and Richard Sangster was appointed Vice Chairman.

Roger Rich commented on the possibility of placing the Agenda and proposed minutes on the web site. He also requested an update on the proposed beginning date of the Canton Road & West Black Lane project.

A request from Mr. Aubrey to obtain the 15" tires from the transfer station for an experimental project to build a negative carbon footprint building. Supervisor Archambo will contact Attorney MacArthur for legal advice.

MTA will be hosted by Waverly Township Hall on June 29th, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

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

ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion by Treasurer Couture and supported by Trustee Charboneau to adjourn the June Benton Township meeting at 8:18pm. Motion carried.

<b>June-17</b>			
CHECK NUMBER	PAYEE	FUND	AMOUNT
	IRS	101	\$ 1,435.16
3676	Dave Conlin	101	\$ 25.00
3691	State of Michigan	101	\$ 322.05
3677	Accident Fund Company	101	\$ 289.00
3678	AT&T	101	\$ 521.63
3679	U-Verse	101	\$ 80.60
3680	Cheboygan Daily Tribune	101	\$ 71.50
3681	Consumers Energy	101	\$ 308.35
3682	Emmet County Dept. of Pub Works	101	\$ 2,261.25
3683	Jayne L. Passeno	101	\$ 431.94
3684	John Hancock	101	\$ 64.27
3685	Michigan Township Association	101	\$ 598.00
3686	National Office Products	101	\$ 180.51
3687	Republic Services	101	\$ 4,402.22
3688	Rivertown Do It Center	101	\$ 17.50
3689	Taylor Power Supply	101	\$ 34.78
3690	All-Phase Electric	101	\$ 31.76
DD955	Andrew Archambo	101	\$ 1,122.64
DD956	Charles Beckwith	101	\$ 321.94
DD957	Michael Charboneau	101	\$ 243.71
DD958	Ann Couture	101	\$ 1,477.67
DD959	Tim Fen lon	101	\$ 408.23
DD960	Clayton McGovern	101	\$ 2,525.03
DD961	Jayne L. Passeno	101	\$ 1,285.02
3692	Dave Conlin	101	\$ 25.00
3693	Trisha Morrow	101	\$ 50.00
DD962	Deborah Berden	101	\$ 198.80
DD963	Maureen Engle	101	\$ 80.97
DD964	Douglas Felmlee	101	\$ 524.76
DD965	Keith Fen lon	101	\$ 130.54
DD966	Chuck Getz Jr.	101	\$ 374.53
DD967	Carol Neumann	101	\$ 328.25
DD968	Marvin Smith	101	\$ 753.56
3694	Alicia Deitz	101	\$ 50.00
3695	Christina Barrette	101	\$ 50.00
3696	Erling Johnson	101	\$ 50.00
3697	Eva Stempky	101	\$ 50.00
3698	Jolynn LaLond	101	\$ 50.00
3699	Julie Neph	101	\$ 50.00
3700	Lois Brege	101	\$ 50.00
3701	Lori Thornton	101	\$ 50.00
3702	Penny St. Amour	101	\$ 50.00
			\$21,376.17

SUPERVISOR ANDREW ARCHAMBO			
TREASURER ANN COUTURE			
CLERK JAYNE PASSENO			
TRUSTEE MICHAEL CHARBONEAU			
TRUSTEE CHARLES BECKWITH			