

SPECIAL MEETING FOR CORDWOOD TRAIL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

The August 1, 2017 Special Meeting for the road improvement of Cordwood Trail was called to order at 6:00pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Five board members were present: Supervisor Andrew Archambo, Treasurer Ann Couture, Clerk Jayne Passeno, Trustee Mike Charboneau and Trustee Charles Beckwith. In addition nine electorates were present.

CORRESPONDENCE: An e-mail from Assessor Clayton McGovern verifying the signatures on petitions, road frontage and 51.11 percent of the owners agreeing to the special assessment for paving a portion of Cordwood Trail.

Jim Sayre stated that he and his wife Patricia Sayre are opposed to the project. Mr. Sayre listed several questions regarding cost, maintenance and need for improvements. Supervisor Archambo will follow up with Mr. Sayre regarding his concerns. Paul Salvatore objected to the Special Assessment District for the Cordwood Trail paving project. Richard and Patricia Maikoski sent a letter opposing the project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ross Bell inquired about the Board responding to the questions on correspondence. Robert Sieloff and Paul Kovach made inquiries on the procedure regarding final bids and time lines. Sandra Flowers inquired about the bidding process and the responsibility of the CRCC to award the bid. Mark Kline inquired to when the second meeting will be held and will the bid be awarded at that time.

Trustee Beckwith made a motion to adjourn the special meeting at 6:29 pm and seconded by Treasurer Couture. Motion Carried.

BENTON TOWNSHIP AUGUST MONTHLY MEETING

The August 1, 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 five electorates were present.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Treasurer Couture requested an addition to New Business regarding an information center at the park. Clerk Passeno requested an addition to old business regarding the review of recycling cost.

MINUTES: Trustee Beckwith made a motion to accept the minutes and bills as presented, from July 2017. Trustee Charboneau supported the motion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: State of Michigan Notice of Hearing for the gas customers of DTE regarding a request to Michigan Public Service Commission for approval of its biennial review of its Energy Waste Reduction Plan.
State of Michigan Notice of Hearing for the electric customers of Consumers Energy Company regarding a request to Michigan Public Service Commission for the approval of long-term power purchase contracts.
Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Bureau of Health Care Services regarding the issuance of an Adult Foster Care License to Kennedy Manor on South River Road.
DEQ application denial to Black River Limited Partnership to draw down a dam impoundment for repair work due to time limits.

REPORTS: Treasurer Couture reported on the MTA Treasurer Seminar that she attended in July. Property taxes payments are coming in slowly. Trustee Beckwith presented the new Northern Michigan Recreation Trails map. Clerk Passeno reported that the battery backup for the server is ready to be installed. The invoice from Williams Office Equipment was charged to the Equipment Capital Outlay line item due the large dollar amount of \$1,548.00. Clerk Passeno reported on the MTA Clerk Seminar and requested reimbursement of \$34.50 for the purchase of the MTA Clerks Guide to Township Government. Supervisor Archambo made a motion to reimburse Clerk Passeno for the book and supported by Trustee Beckwith. Motion carried. Monica Hollars from Consumers Energy contacted Passeno regarding the recent review of the six lights in Benton Township and the new contract that will be forwarded. The Board choose to decline providing monetary support for the defibrillator for the Sheriff Dept. as suggested at the July MTA meeting.

Library Liaison: Mary Ellen Eno was not available for comment.

Fire Chief: Chief Williams reported on 11 runs in June and 16 runs in July for down power lines, accidents, gas leaks and one water rescue. Aloha Township Board is undecided at this time regarding the repair vs. rebuild of the damaged fire hall on Mann Road.

Groundskeeper: Doug Felmler was not in attendance but relayed through Treasurer Couture that maintenance is proceeding as usual and there are no major issues.

OLD BUSINESS: Clerk Passeno presented a revised Resolution for the Alternate Date for July or December Board of Review as follows:

Benton Township Alternate Date for the July or December Board of Review

WHEREAS, Section 53b of the General Property Tax Act, MCL 211.53b, requires a Board of Review that meets in July to meet on Tuesday following the third Monday in July, and a Board of Review that meets in December to meet on the Tuesday following the second Monday in December; and

WHEREAS, assessors who work for multiple townships are not always able to attend the Board of Review meeting for each township when they meet on the same day; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 122 of 2008, effective May 9, 2008, allows an alternate July Board of Review meeting date during the week of the third Monday in July; and an alternate December Board of Review meeting date during the week of the second Monday of December; and

WHEREAS, it will benefit the residents of Benton Township to have the assessor available to assist the Board of Review and taxpayers in processing tax appeals and poverty exemptions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday of the week of the third Monday of July and Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday of the week of the second Monday of December have been selected as the alternate meeting days of the Board of Review by the Benton Township board on August 1, 2017. This resolution will be in effect in the year 2017 and all subsequent years following until this resolution is modified by a future resolution of the Benton Township Board.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Trustee Beckwith and second offered by Board Member Supervisor Archambo. Upon roll call vote the following voted "Yes": Couture, Passeno, Archambo, Charboneau and Beckwith
"No": None

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

CERTIFICATE OF TOWNSHIP CLERK: The undersigned Clerk of the Township of Benton hereby certifies that the foregoing resolution constitutes a true and complete copy of the resolution and policy adopted at a regular meeting of the township board of Benton Township, Cheboygan County, Michigan, held February 7, 2017, and that the foregoing is a true and accurate excerpt of the minutes of said meeting at which five (5) members of the township board were present and voted as indicated in said minutes; and that said meeting was held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Michigan.

Date: August 1, 2017

Jayne L. Passeno, Benton Township Clerk

Clerk Passeno presented the invoice from Straits Area Janitorial for the cost of carpet cleaning at the Hall. The Monday night AA group has offered to donate towards the cost of cleaning. Treasurer Couture made a motion to accept donations for carpet cleaning from the AA group and supported by Supervisor Archambo. Motion carried.

Supervisor Archambo will contact the County Administrator, Jeff Lawson, regarding a letter received last month stating an option of a ten year loan for special assessments versus Benton Township's option of a five year loan only.

Clerk Passeno presented an update on the recycling cost for Benton Township. A discussion regarding the increase cost of the land fill dumping fees and non Benton Township residents using the service was debated. The Board will continue to monitor situation.

NEW BUSINESS: A bid from Xtreme Asphalt Inc. in the amount of \$20,208.00 for the repaving of the Community Center parking lot was discussed. The complication of the current drain filled with sand will be addressed before moving forward with the project.

Treasurer Couture presented different options for a message center that would be located at the entrance to the park. The subject was tabled until more research can be completed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dick Cartmill complimented the Benton Township Board for their efforts and perseverance on Township projects. Mr. Cartmill commented on the nice work being done on the West Black Lane and Canton Road paving project. He voiced his concern regarding the possibility of conflict of interest with the Benton Township's Attorney representing multiple townships in Cheboygan County.

MTA will be hosted by Munro Township Hall on August 31, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

BILLS: Clerk Passeno presented a list of bills for the Boards approval. A motion by Trustee Beckwith 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 August Benton Township meeting at 8:16pm. Motion carried.

August-17			
CHECK NUMBER	PAYEE	FUND	AMOUNT
	IRS	101	\$ 1,356.32
3737	John Hancock	101	\$ 42.00
3738	Dave Conlin	101	\$ 25.00
3739	AT&T	101	\$ 294.28
3740	U-Verse	101	\$ 171.11
3741	BS&A Software	101	\$ 2,147.00
3742	Cheboygan Daily Tribune	101	\$ 601.26
3743	Consumers Energy	101	\$ 385.35
3744	Emmet county Dept of Public Works	101	\$ 2,610.00
3745	Jayne L. Passeno	101	\$ 194.98
3746	Pat LaCross	101	\$ 93.00
3747	PIE & Gas Co-Op	101	\$ 235.69
3748	Republic Services	101	\$ 4,665.90
3749	Rivertown Do-It Center	101	\$ 22.99
3750	State of Michigan	101	\$ 314.35
DD980	Andrew Archambo	101	\$ 1,122.64
DD981	Charles Beckwith	101	\$ 411.24
DD982	Michael Charboneau	101	\$ 290.49
DD983	Ann Couture	101	\$ 1,430.91
DD984	Clayton McGovern	101	\$ 2,525.03
DD985	Jayne L. Passeno	101	\$ 1,285.03
DD986	Deborah Berden	101	\$ 162.10
DD987	Douglas Felmlee	101	\$ 566.68
DD988	Chuck Getz Jr.	101	\$ 261.06
DD989	Carol Neumann	101	\$ 394.10
DD990	Marvin Smith	101	\$ 797.90
3751	Barbara Algenstedt	101	\$ 50.00
3752	Bobbie Crongeyer	101	\$ 50.00
3753	Carquest Auto Parts	101	\$ 257.45
3754	Cheboygan Daily Tribune	101	\$ 71.50
3755	Keith Fen lon	101	\$ 50.00
3756	Kendra Keifer	101	\$ 50.00
3757	Kim McQuiston	101	\$ 50.00
DD991	Keith Fen lon	101	\$ 89.20
			\$ 23,074.56
SUPERVISOR ANDREW ARCHAMBO			
TREASURER ANN COUTURE			
CLERK JAYNE PASSENO			
TRUSTEE MICHAEL CHARBONEAU			
TRUSTEE CHARLES BECKWITH			