

## BENTON TOWNSHIP

The September 5, 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 8 electorates were present.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

MINUTES: A motion was made by Trustee Beckwith to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting that was held on August 1, 2017 and the special meeting minutes from July 13, 2017 and August 17, 2017 and the bills as presented. Support was made by Trustee Charboneau. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: State of Michigan Notice of Hearing before the Michigan Public Service Commission for the gas customers of DTE Gas Company.

State of Michigan Notice of Hearing before the Michigan Public Service Commission for the electric customers of Consumers Energy Company.

State of Michigan Notice of Hearing before the Michigan Public Service Commission for the gas customers of Presque Isle Gas Co-Op.

State of Michigan DEQ letter authorizing the revision of Permit No. WRP003814 for Anthony Ingersoll.

REPORTS: Library Liaison Mary Ellen Enos reported that the Merit Network has begun the work installing the fiber optics from Mackinaw City and Rogers City. Librarian, Joyce Krawczak has retired after 27 years of service and was honored with a small banquet. The bank balance is \$173,541.18.

Fire Chief Gary Williams is currently attending the Aloha Township monthly meeting therefore was unavailable for comment at the Benton Townships meeting. Chief Williams provided correspondence on recent activity. AFD held a training session on ladder servicing. The fire dept. responded to two down power lines and one personal injury accident. The new cab and chassis has been delivered to Gaylord and will be delivered to CSI Emergency Apparatus for completion. Aloha Township Board is in the planning stages of a new fire hall due to the extensive damage of the old hall on Mann Road earlier this summer.

Groundkeeper, Doug Felmlee reported on the regular maintenance of cutting grass, maintaining the recycle areas and road ends. He reported that two signs at the road ends on Hack-Ma-Tack Road and Beebe Road require repair. Supervisor Archambo will contact CCRC for the task. Battery Solutions will be picking up batteries on Thursday, September 14.

OLD BUSINESS: A motion was made by Supervisor Archambo to have the culvert/drain system repaired by Dave Ross and schedule Extreme Asphalt to repave the parking lot between the Community Center and Hall. Clerk Passeno supported the motion. Motion carried. Supervisor Archambo will contact Extreme Asphalt Inc. to schedule the paving of the Community Center parking lot this fall.

Trustee Charboneau made a motion to purchase a Message Center Literature Rack in grey from Kirby Built for the park area. Motion supported by Supervisor Archambo. Motion carried.

Clerk Passeno provided a review of the cost of recycling and the transfer station. The recycling areas required a lot of attention over the summer with additional residents and Camp Walden using the service three or four times weekly and not using the proper bins. A discussion regarding the pricing for commercial recycling and non-township residents or weekly renters using the transfer station and recycling centers ensued. The Board will continue to monitor and devise a method for selling Transfer Station tickets to Benton Township residents only. Supervisor Archambo will contact Cheboygan County's Recycling manager, Dan O'Henley regarding commercial rates for recycling. The camera's at the recycle area will be re-arranged or re-focused to for better resolution to read license plates and offenders will be held accountable for improper dumping. Trustee Beckwith will speak with the recent renter that dumped household refuse at the 23 recycling center.

Treasurer Couture reported that the yearly transfer station tickets that are included in tax bills are not reaching all Benton Twp. residents due to Veterans Exemptions from paying property taxes and winter bills under \$100 are included with the summer billing.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Clerk Passeno will present budget transfers for the Road Fund next month. Supervisor Archambo stated that CCRC will be mailing the final invoice for the West Black Lane and Canton Road paving project in mid October.

A motion to contract with Black River Sand & Gravel for the repair of the sink and floor drain at Fire Hall #4 on US 23 Hwy. was made by Supervisor Archambo and supported by Trustee Beckwith. Motion carried.

Clerk Passeno presented the 2017 Tax Rate Request from the Cheboygan County Equilization Dept. for Board approval. A motion was made by Treasurer Couture and supported by Trustee Beckwith to approve the 2017 .9988 Headlee millage reduction fraction. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Commissioner, Mike Newman commented on the progress and grant for the Gold Front removal project. The Miejers Store project will be discussed between the attorneys for the City of Cheboygan and Inverness Township this week so they can move forward with the project. Progress is being made on the jail addition.

Patrick Orr didn't receive dump ticket in his tax bill. The Board approved a one time dumping of 6 tires for Mr. Orr.

Marvin Smith commented on the large household items that have been taking up dumpster space at the Transfer Station.

Trustee Beckwith made a motion to sell the temporary Pickle Ball Net for one half of the original cost. This net is no longer of use to the Township after installing permanent nets. Motion carried.

MTA will be hosted by Inverness Township Hall on September 28, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** There was a motion by Treasurer Couture and supported by Clerk Passeno to adjourn the September Benton Township meeting at 8:25pm. Motion carried.

<b>September-17</b>			
CHECK NUMBER	PAYEE	FUND	AMOUNT
	IRS	101	\$ 1,345.88
3758	Dave Conlin	101	\$ 25.00
3759	Kenneth Bearre	101	\$ 419.57
3760	State of Michigan	101	\$ 315.72
DD 992	Andrew Archambo	101	\$ 1,122.65
DD993	Charles Beckwith	101	\$ 232.64
DD 994	Michael Charboneau	101	\$ 243.71
DD 995	Ann Couture	101	\$ 1,430.90
DD 996	Tim Fen Ion	101	\$ 408.24
DD 997	Clayton McGovern	101	\$ 2,525.03
DD 998	Jayne L. Passeno	101	\$ 1,285.02
3761	Ann Couture	101	\$ 441.91
3762	AT&T	101	\$ 299.81
3763	U-Verse	101	\$ 81.42
3764	Cheb. County Road Commission	101	\$ 37,892.40
3765	Consumers Energy	101	\$ 231.90

3766	Emmet County Dept of Public Works	101	\$	2,840.00
3767	MCG Web Development	101	\$	176.00
3768	National Office Products	101	\$	61.61
3769	PIE&G Co-Op	101	\$	237.73
3770	Pitch Black Asphalt	101	\$	3,700.00
3771	Dave Conlin	101	\$	25.00
3772	Xtreme Ashphalt, Inc.	101	\$	10,104.00
3773	Mary Ellen Enos	101	\$	245.31
DD999	Deborah Berden	101	\$	198.80
DD1000	Maureen Engle	101	\$	87.73
DD1001	Douglas Felmlee	101	\$	414.97
DD1002	Keith Fen Ion	101	\$	54.52
DD1003	Charles Getz Jr.	101	\$	123.61
DD1004	Carol Neumann	101	\$	313.05
DD1005	Marvin Smith	101	\$	797.92
3774	All-Phase Electric	101	\$	88.64
3775	Carquest Auto Parts	101	\$	123.55
3776	Cheboygan County Road Comm	101	\$	37.53
3777	Cheboygan Daily Tribune	101	\$	143.00
3778	Christina Barrette	101	\$	50.00
3779	Nancy McFarland	101	\$	50.00
3780	Penny St. Amour	101	\$	50.00
3781	Sheila Thilhorn	101	\$	50.00
3782	Republic Services	101	\$	4602.04
			\$	72,876.81
SUPERVISOR ANDREW ARCHAMBO				
TREASURER ANN COUTURE				
CLERK JAYNE PASSENO				
TRUSTEE MICHAEL CHARBONEAU				
TRUSTEE CHARLES BECKWITH				