

BENTON TOWNSHIP

The October 3, 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, Trustee Charles Beckwith and Trustee Mike Charboneau. Supervisor Archambo was absent and Deputy Supervisor Doug Felmlee chaired the meeting for Supervisor Archambo. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman and Constable Tim Fenlon and 23 electorates were present.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Clerk Passeno added the Invoice from Cheboygan County Road Commission to new business.

MINUTES: There was a motion by Trustee Beckwith to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2017 monthly meeting and approval for the bills in September. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: An authorization from DEQ for 120 feet of riprap and the reworking of the existing stone along the shoreline of Bruce and Elizabeth Benter.

REPORTS: Library Liaison Mary Ellen Enos was unavailable.

Fire Chief Gary Williams reported three assist with EMS runs, two smoke investigations, one gas leak and three trainings. Eight firemen participated in the school bus extrication training. Correspondence from the Insurance Service Organization for the Alverno Fire Dept. is a 7/10 split, remaining the same as previous years.

Groundskeeper Doug Felmlee grass mowing is slowing down. There was a report of the strong odor of gas at the Community Center. The situation was remedied by redirecting the air flow from the air conditioner. A motion by Treasurer Couture to purchase a sheet metal sign at the price of \$126.00 to clarify the location of the Transfer Station was seconded by Trustee Beckwith. Four Board members approved of the purchase and one member opposed the purchase. Motion carried. Doug Felmlee will contact Werner Plumbing & Heating to winterize the park restrooms.

A motion to not refund the deposit to Brandi Bedell due to improper clean up was made by the Trustee Beckwith and supported by Trustee Charboneau. Motion carried.

Clerk Passeno responded to the inquiry about selling the obsolete temporary pickle ball net. MTA stated that it can be sold at a cost that the Benton Board deems fair value. The Board agreed to sell the net at one half the cost of purchase price of \$159.99.

The Board determined that pursuing a grant for scrap tires was not necessary at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: The Community Center parking lot project has begun. The drain will be installed on Wednesday and the paving should be completed by the weekend.

NEW BUSINESS: The audit from Nieland and Kosanke, P.C. was reviewed. A motion by Trustee Beckwith and supported by Treasurer Couture was made to table the approval of the audit until a representative from the Nieland and Kosanke, P.C. could be available for comment. Motion carried.

A declaration from Donald Henkel was read, regarding his placement of signs on the property line and his intent to install a gate at the road end of Beebe Road. Brent Shank, CCRC Manager stated that he has received the correspondence also and it will be discussed at their next meeting. A motion to put the correspondence on record without responding was made by Trustee Beckwith and supported by Treasurer Couture. Motion carried. 2017 Tax Rate for Cheboygan-Otesgo-Presque Isle ESD was reviewed. A motion was made by Trustee Beckwith to approve the millage rates and support by Treasurer Couture. Motion carried.

The invoice for the remaining balance due on the Canton Road/West Black Lane was reviewed. A motion to table the paying of the CCRC invoice until the monthly meeting in November when Supervisor Archambo has obtained the funding from Cheboygan County was made by Trustee Beckwith and supported by Treasurer Couture. Motion carried.

A motion to make a budget transfer of \$4,000.00 from the contingency fund to the Road Fund was made by Trustee Beckwith and supported by Trustee Charboneau. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Doug Damm spoke on the great job by Reith Riley and CCRC on the paving of Canton Road and West Black Lane. Gerald Svetcos commented of his concern of the grade of the road by his property causing problems with snow plowing and requested that the CRCC review the situation.

Commissioner, Mike Newman broached the subject of the local MTA composing a letter of support to Inverness Township and the City of Cheboygan to expedite the Meijer project.

Roger Rich inquired about a final cost for the Canton Road/West Black Lane project. Treasurer Couture stated that the Assessor, Clayton McGovern will have to provide this information.

Ken Paquet from the CRCC commented on the Board considering adding a Road Millage to the resident's property taxes. Eight townships in Cheboygan County have enlisted this procedure and it has benefited them in upcoming projects.

Keith Fen lon the Community Center custodian, commented on the condition of the floors, the improper storage of chairs and tables on the racks, and the lack of proper cleaning after rentals.

Richard Cartmill commented on the Federal Government changing the regulations on deducting property taxes on Income Tax.

MTA will be hosted by Aloha Township Hall on October 26, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

BILLS: Clerk Passeno presented a list of bills for the Boards approval. A motion by Treasurer Couture and supported by Trustee Beckwith was approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion by Treasurer Couture and supported by Trustee Beckwith to adjourn the October Benton Township meeting at 8:15pm. Motion carried.

October-17			
CHECK NUMBER	PAYEE	FUND	AMOUNT
	IRS	101	\$ 1,359.25
3783	State of Michigan	101	\$ 308.50
3784	All-Phase Electric	101	\$ 17.78
3785	AT&T	101	\$ 314.28
3786	Cheboygan County Treasurer	101	\$ 90.00
3787	Cheboygan Daily Tribune	101	\$ 16.30
3788	Consumers Energy	101	\$ 310.14
3789	Emmet County Dept of Public Works	101	\$ 1,890.00
3790	Republic Services	101	\$ 3,690.49
3791	Rivertown Do-It Center	101	\$ 13.98
3792	Dave Conlin	101	\$ 25.00
3793	Xtreme Asphalt, Inc.	101	\$10,104.00
DD1006	Andrew Archambo	101	\$ 1,122.64
DD1007	Charles Beckwith	101	\$ 366.59
DD1008	Michael Charboneau	101	\$ 243.71
DD1009	Ann Couture	101	\$ 1,477.67
DD1010	Clayton McGovern	101	\$ 2,525.03
DD1011	Jayne L. Passeno	101	\$ 1,285.02
3794	John Hancock	101	\$ 2,371.38
DD1012	Deborah Berden	101	\$ 121.58
DD1013	Douglas Felmlee	101	\$ 411.42
DD1014	Charles Getz Jr.	101	\$ 162.94
DD1015	Carol Neumann	101	\$ 444.75

DD1016	Marvin Smith	101	\$ 753.56
DD1017	Keith Fen lon	101	\$ 49.56
3795	AT&T	101	\$ 87.81
3796	Carquest Auto Parts	101	\$ 25.05
3797	D.L. Ross Masonry	101	\$ 900.00
3798	Erling Johnson	101	\$ 50.00
3799	Jayne L. Passeno	101	\$ 86.99
3800	Nieland & Kosanke, P.C.	101	\$ 3,925.00
3801	PIE & Gas Co-Op	101	\$ 245.97
3802	Sign & Banner Factory	101	\$ 126.00
3803	Werner Plumbing & Htg.	101	\$ 172.51
			\$35,094.90
SUPERVISOR ANDREW ARCHAMBO _____			
TREASURER ANN COUTURE _____			
CLERK JAYNE PASSENO _____			
TRUSTEE MICHAEL CHARBONEAU _____			
TRUSTEE CHARLES BECKWITH _____			