Benton Township Board Meeting

January 7, 2020

The January 7, 2020 Benton township board Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Five board members were present: Supervisor Andy Archambo, Treasurer Ann Couture, Clerk Carol Neumann, Trustee Charles Beckwith, and Trustee Mike Charboneau. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman and 11 electorates were present.

Minutes: Trustee Beckwith made a motion to accept the December 3, 2019 minutes and the bills paid in the month of December. Treasurer Couture supported the motion and was carried by all.

Correspondence: Supervisor Archambo read a letter from Mr. Patrick Cuthbert about County plowing snow onto his property. County has been plowing snow to the other end of road now. Treasurer Couture made a motion to have KCI send the change notices for 2020 for our Assessor Clayton McGovern. The motion was supported by Supervisor Archambo and was carried by all. Supervisor read a notice from EGLE for pilings being put in for Greg Brown.

Reports: Clerk Neumann stated Windows 10 was put on all computers this week and is working out some bugs. Clerk Neumann stated she will be sending out applications for Absentee ballots this week and ballots will be sent out around the 27th of January. The township has a old printer that they can't get toners for any more. The board agreed to destroy it. Clerk Neumann gave the board members a list of hourly wages for our employees to look over for their next meeting. Clerk Neumann stated that Doug Felmlee has put shelves up in our upstairs area and he has been cleaning up there. Library Liaison Mary Ellen Enos stated the library has replaced trees that were removed around library. The library no longer has fines for late returns. The library balance is $21,007.24. Fireman Pat LaCross reported training still going. Accidents and Co2 calls for December. Grounds Keeper Doug Felmlee stated he replaced sub pump at the township hall last week. Doug also stated that someone drove on the township grounds to get around the bad spots on the road in front of hall. Doug suggested fixing or paving the first part of the Orchard Beach Road in front of Hall property.

Old Business: Clerk Neumann stated the Tribune did not publish the bid for snow plowing in October and asked the board if we should run it now or have Beau Johnson plow this year. Board decided to keep Johnson and get bids next year. The board got all the petitions for special assessment for Beebe Road paving project. Mr. Paquet stated the County has $25000.00 for this project. The board decided to have the first special meeting for project on February 4, 2020 at 6:00pm and Clerk Neumann will be sending out notices and publishings two weeks before meeting.

New Business: The township is looking around to see if anyone wants about 50 old law books that the township has . The township will recycle them if we can't find somewhere for them. The Board decided on January 28, 2020 at 6:00pm for their annual Budget meeting. Trustee Beckwith states we need total amounts of our special assessments coming up.

Public Comments: Commissioner Newman stated its been a Quiet month. Newman stated Sheriff Clairmont will be running in next years election.

Other Business: MTA January 30, 2020 at Grant Township at 7:00pm

Bills for month of January: Clerk Carol read the bills due in January. A motion was made by Supervisor Archambo to accept the bills due and was supported by Treasurer Couture. Motion was carried by all. The board will be cancelling the phone at the transfer station and will be replacing number with the cell phone #268-9757.

Adjournment: Supervisor Archambo made a motion to adjourn the township meeting at 7:43pm and was supported by Treasurer Couture. The motion was carried by all.