

Benton Township Board Meeting

October 1, 2019

The October 1, 2019 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 10 electorates were present.

MINUTES: Trustee Beckwith made a motion to accept the September 3, 2019, and the August 27, 2019 Special meeting minutes and the bills paid in September. Was supported by Supervisor Archambo and the motion was carried by all.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Archambo read EGLE for Cordwood Trail and two hearings from Consumers Energy.

REPORTS: Clerk Neumann reported she will be getting Windows 10 on computers this month. Library Liaison Mary Ellen Enos reported Penal Fines are down this year for a loss of \$12,000.00 to the Library. Library balance is \$171,841.47. Chief Gary Williams reported calls for 3 down lines, chimney fire, CO2, 3 trainings and 1 vehicle fire. Grounds Keeper Doug Felmlee reported that the curbs, at the play ground are put in. Hoping to paint the bathroom floors, at the play ground, before the weather turns bad. The park benches are in at the tennis courts. Doug said the bathrooms over at the play ground will be shutting down next week for the winter. Doug stated that a piece of floor tile broke in the kitchen over in the Community Center. Supervisor Archambo will be checking on getting the parking lot fixed and sealed this fall.

OLD BUSINESS: Trustee Beckwith made a motion to table the 2nd special meeting for Cordwood Trail Special Assessment until known when the paving will be done. Was supported by Supervisor Archambo and the motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Treasurer Couture made a motion to hire Patti Spinella as a Secretary for Benton Township Hall and was supported by Trustee Beckwith.

Motion carried. Cleaning Custodian Marianne Brejcha will be off work for the next 3 months. Trustee Couture stated that the improvement description is missing on the petitions from the Beebe Road project. A motion by Supervisor Archambo to hire Lance Johnson as a relief person for Transfer station attendant Marv Smith and was supported by Trustee Charboneau. Motion carried. A Motion to purchase a cell phone for the Transfer station attendant was made by Treasurer Couture and supported by Trustee Beckwith. Motion carried. Supervisor Archambo will be purchasing the phone and servicing it. A motion by Trustee Beckwith to put bids out for the snow plowing of the Transfer Station for a 3 year term and supported by Supervisor Archambo. Motion carried. Commissioner Mike Newman reported that the Commissioners position might be going to a 4 year term instead of 2 year term.

OTHER BUSINESS: The MTA for October 24, 2019 is at Aloha Township at 7:00pm.

BILLS: Clerk Neumann presented a list of bills to pay for October for board approval. A motion by Supervisor Archambo and Supported by Trustee Charboneau to accept the bills to pay for October. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion by Treasurer Couture and supported by Supervisor Archambo to adjourn the Township meeting at 8:11pm. Motion carried.