Benton Township Board Meeting

December 3, 2019

The December 3, 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 November 5, 2019 minutes and bills paid in November. Was supported by Trustee Charboneau and the motion was carried by all.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Archambo read a letter from Mr. Chuck Leady regarding Benton Township not having a place for the township to dispose of yard waste. Mr. Leady stated he's willing to help in any way. Supervisor Archambo stated he will contact Cheboygan City and Aloha Township for information. Supervisor Archambo read a letter from EGLE on putting in a drain field and filling in 40 x 28 feet of wetland on McDonald Road for Mr. Burton. Supervisor Archambo read the Board Resolution for Audit Procedures for Granting or Removal of Real Property Exemptions that we got from Assessor McGovern. Roll call on passing Resolution was made. Supervisor Archambo-yes, Treasurer Couture-yes, Clerk Neumann-yes, Trustee Beckwith-yes, and Trustee Charboneau-yes. Resolution passed.

REPORTS: Clerk Neumann stated that Beau Johnson will be plowing the Transfer Station and signing a 3 year contract. Treasurer Couture stated that the Winter Tax bills were sent out. Supervisor Archambo is having Werner's come and check out the furnaces at Fire Hall #4 and Fire Hall #1. Supervisor Archambo stated that Benton Township still has about 5000 yards of gravel left for roads. Supervisor Archambo met with Cheboygan County last month for projects in Benton Township. Culvert broken on Gilpin Road, cleaning ditches, South River Road paving, and Gainer Bridge being fixed this coming year. Library Liaison was absent. Fire Chief Gary Williams was absent. Grounds Keeper, Doug Felmlee informed board that Werner's will be installing new furnace at hall in the next two weeks. Doug stated that the cement around drain by the road at hall should be ground down for safety. Supervisor Archambo stated he will be calling Matt Barber for estimate.

OLD BUSINESS: Supervisor Archambo read the 2020 Contract for Animal Control Services from Cheboygan County Humane Society. A motion was made by Treasurer Couture to accept and sign contract for year 2020 and was supported by Trustee Beckwith. Motion passed by all. Supervisor Archambo stated he purchased a cell phone for Marv Smith (Transfer Station Attendant).

NEW BUSINESS: A motion by Treasurer Couture to accept the property split for Jack and Barbara Guthrie was made and supported by Trustee Beckwith. The motion was passed by all.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Commissioner Newman states everything is pretty quiet. Mr. Paquet stated that the petitions for Beebe Road project are signed and at the Assessor's (Mr. Clayton McGovern) right now.

OTHER BUSINESS: The next MTA meeting is December 5 at 7:00pm at Burt

PAY BILLS: Clerk Neumann presented a list of bills to be paid in the month of December. A motion by Treasurer Couture and supported by Supervisor Archambo to accept the bills to pay for December. Motion carried by all

ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion by Treasurer Couture and supported by Trustee Charboneau to adjourn the Township meeting at 7:55pm. Motion carried by all.