

BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 4, 2020

The February 4, 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, Constable Ron Fenlon and 7 electorates were present.

Minutes: Trustee Beckwith made a motion to accept the January 7, 2020 minutes and the bills paid in the month of January. Supervisor Archambo supported the motion and was carried by all.

Correspondence: Supervisor Archambo read notices from EGLE, EMC Insurance, Cheboygan Road Commission, CORE, Cheboygan County Treasurer, and DTE.

Reports: Treasurer Couture stated the computers have been down for a week now at Township hall. We are getting a new server this week. Trustee Beckwith reported on Oak Hill Cemetery's budget report for 2020. Trustee Beckwith made a motion to have Benton Township board send a letter of support to Mackinaw City Parks and Recreation on the grant they are trying to get for their trails. Was supported by Treasurer Couture and carried by all. Library Liaison, Mary Ellen Enos was absent. Fire Chief Gary Williams was absent. Grounds Keeper, Doug Felmlee, stated he got a price on cement slabs to go under the recycle bins on Orchard Beach Road and M-23. Five slabs at \$1960.00 each. The board is going to table this project plus raising foundation at recycling areas until next month's meeting. No Old Business.

New Business: Trustee Beckwith made a motion to accept the board meeting dates for 2020-2021 and was supported by Trustee Charboneau. The motion was carried by all. Supervisor Archambo read the Resolution to establish Benton Township Board members salary for 2020-2021. See attached. Supervisor Archambo read the Consideration of the improvement, upgrading the paving of Beebe Road. See attached. A Resolution on 2020-2021 support staff wages was read by Supervisor Archambo and was supported by all. See attached.

Public Comments: Mr. Brandt commented on raising dump tickets to subsidize the cost we are paying for sanitary removal. Commissioner Newman states we need to get more information out to the public about Line #5.

Other Business: Treasurer Couture made a motion to accept Clerk Neumann's request to attend this year's MTA conference in Traverse City in April. Motion was supported by Trustee Beckwith and motion was passed by all.

Pay Bills: Supervisor Archambo read the bills due in February. A motion was made by Treasurer Couture to accept the bills due in February and was supported by Trustee Beckwith. Motion was carried by all.

Adjournment: Treasurer Couture made a motion to adjourn the township meeting at 8:03pm and was supported by Supervisor Archambo. Motion was carried by all.