

BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

MARCH 2, 2021 7:17PM

ZOOM MEETING

The March 2, 2021, Benton Township regular Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:17pm by Supervisor Brandt.

Roll Call: Five board members were on zoom: Supervisor Bruce Brandt, Treasurer Jayne Passeno, Clerk Carol Neumann, Trustee Pete Redmond, and Trustee Ron Fenlon. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman, Charles Beckwith, Pat LaCross, Doug Felmlee, and Mary Ellen Enos were on zoom meeting.

Minutes and bills: Trustee Redmond made a motion to accept the minutes and bills paid in the month of February and was supported by Trustee Fenlon. The motion was carried by all.

Supervisor Brandt read two letters from the State of Mi. and one from EGLE.

Treasurer Passeno made a motion to waiver the "no wake" ordinance during August 14, 2021 and August 15, 2021 for the Top of Michigan Outboard Racing Club's race in Cheboygan. The motion was supported by Trustee Redmond and was carried by all.

Supervisor Brandt read the Poverty Exemption Asset Level Test year 2021-2022. Trustee Redmond made a motion to accept the exemption asset level and was supported by Clerk Neumann. The motion was carried by all.

Treasurer Passeno read the Ordinance #2021-09 on franchise with Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-Op. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to adopt the Ordinance #2021-09 and was supported by Trustee Redmond. Upon roll call: Supervisor Brandt was aye, Treasurer Passeno was aye, Clerk Neumann was aye, Trustee Redmond was aye, and Trustee Fenlon was aye. There was no nays. The Ordinance was adopted on March 2, 2021. Clerk Neumann will be putting this in the paper and sending PIE&G the forms.

Treasurer Passeno made a motion to send the Cheboygan Human Society \$2300.00 that Benton township does every year and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all. Benton Township will be applying for a tire grant from EGLE for the remaining tires they have at the transfer station. The Board decided to keep the Community center closed down until May 1, 2021. The board decided to have the Custodian do spring cleaning at the Community Center.

Clerk Neumann stated the township needs to get a procedure and policy on appointing 3rd person on the Alverno Fire Board. Trustee Redmond made a motion to keep Jerry Brandt on for four years starting April 1, 2021. and was supported by Trustee Fenlon. Treasurer Passeno and Clerk Neumann opposed the motion. Supervisor Brandt, Trustee Redmond, and Trustee Fenlon approved motion. Supervisor Brandt made a motion to raise the budget on Board of review pay by \$400.00 because of extra meetings this year. The motion was supported by Trustee Redmond and was carried by all. The board was told about the MTA conference in April and to contact Clerk Neumann if interested in attending. The board was informed that on March 5, 2021, meetings up to 25 people can resume. Mary Ellen Enos (Library Liaison) informed the board that the Library has a zoom license now and quilts will be on display the month of March. The Library bank balance for January is \$513,224.05. Trustee Fenlon informed the board that the Alverno Fire Dept. used their new side by side for a rescue this month. Doug Felmlee (Grounds keeper) informed the board that when Local Sanitation dumped the recycling bin, the pins separating the recycle bins broke. Clerk Neumann made a motion to retain Timothy MacArthur Attorney for the 2021-2022 year and was supported Treasurer Passeno. The motion was carried by all. Treasurer Passeno informed the board that 4 CD's for maturing and will be putting one of them at Citizens National Bank. Commissioner Mike Newman informed the board that the CC9111 is having problems. The system was suppose to be up last September. Mike stated he has no information on the Meijers project or the Solar system at this time. PIE&G stated that they should be in Benton Township this fall on putting up the new poles. Clerk Neumann read the bills to be paid in the month of March and Supervisor Brandt made a motion to

accept the bills. The motion was supported by Trustee Redmond and the motion was carried by all.

Adjournment: Supervisor Brandt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm and was supported by Trustee Redmond. The motion was carried by all.