

BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING AND
APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR YEAR 2020-2021

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MARCH 3, 2020 AT 7:00PM

The March 3, 2020 Benton Township board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL: Four board members were present: Supervisor Andy Archambo, Treasurer Ann Couture, Clerk Carol Neumann, and Trustee Mike Charboneau. Trustee Charles Beckwith was absent. In addition Commissioner Mike Newman, Constable Tim Fenlon and 6 electorates were present.

MINUTES: Supervisor Archambo made a motion to accept the February 4, 2020 minutes and bills paid for the month of February. Treasurer Couture supported the motion and was carried by all.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Archambo read three notices from EGLE, two from Tip of the Mitt, and one from PIE&G. Out Board Racing Club requested permission again this year from Benton Township to waiver the "no wake" ordinance for their race August 8 and 9, 2020. Supervisor Archambo made a motion to waiver the "no wake" for the dates of August 8, and 9, of 2020 for the race. Treasurer Couture supported the motion and was carried by all.

REPORTS: The Township Board went over the requested Budget for the 2020-2021 year. Clerk Carol Neumann states election is next week and getting everything ready. Clerk stated she will be here Saturday 9am to 1pm and Sunday from 1pm to 5pm. State law states we have to be present 8 hours on the weekend before every election. Supervisor Archambo stated that the Benton township Board of Review will be March 9, 2020 from 9am to 3pm and Wednesday March 11, 2020 from 3pm to 9pm. Trustee Charboneau stated he will be ordering parts to install exhaust system in Alverno Fire Hall #1.

LIBRARY LIAISON: Mary Ellen Enos reported the library will be replacing tables. The library received \$500.00 from the Seaman Estate to put in the foundation. Balance of January 2020 is \$264,210.20.

FIRE CHIEF: Chief Williams states on calls: 1 line down, 2 assists, 1 personal, 1 vehicle acc. and 1 rescue.

OLD BUSINESS: Bids for the Beebe Road project will be in around March 19, 2020. Clerk Neumann stated Werners were at township hall yesterday to fix the furnace that quit Friday.

NEW BUSINESS: Treasurer Couture requested to table the property split for Philip Tschirhart until next month's meeting for further information from Clayton McGovern. Supervisor Archambo made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Budget and payroll and was supported by Trustee Charboneau. The motion was approved by all. Supervisor Archambo stated our Assessor Clayton McGovern is requesting a cost of about \$250.00 for a new laptop. McGovern stated is laptop is old and cannot be updated. Treasurer

Couture made a motion to approve the \$250.00 for Assessor McGovern and was supported by Supervisor Archambo. Motion was carried by all.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Supervisor Archambo stated he got bids for Brining the roads for 2020. Three bids with Beckman being the lowest of \$.19 a gallon. Supervisor stated we have had them for the last few years and has done a great job. Supervisor Archambo made a motion to accept Beckmans bid for year 2020 and was supported by Treasurer Couture. Motion was carried by all. Commissioner Newman stated that Grant Township is still going on with the Solar panels. They have 500 acres to start and will cost about 60 million in cost. The company has been to zoning and may start by April. Clerk Neumann read a list of budget lines to be raised to meet the cost of items for the last month of fiscal year 2019-2020. A motion to increase the line items was made by Treasurer Couture and supported Supervisor Archambo . Motion was carried by all.

BILLS: Clerk Neumann read the bills for March to be paid. A motion by Treasurer Couture to accept and pay the bills for the month of March and was supported by Trustee Charboneau. Motion was carried by all.

AJOURNMENT: Treasurer Couture made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm and was supported by Supervisor Archambo. Motion carried by all.

ELECTION WORKERS FOR MARCH 10, 2020

Opened meeting at 7:53 with Supervisor Archambo , Treasurer Couture and Clerk Neumann

Election workers for March 10, 2020 election is Chairman Michaela Buhrman, Deborah Berden, Tracey Barber, Dameon Cronk, and Robert Ross. The Absentee Ballot workers are Chairman Michelle Gildner and Nickolas Felmlee. All approved the workers for the March 10, 2020. Treasurer Couture made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm and was carried by all.