

## Benton Township Board Meeting

May 19, 2020

The May 19, 2020 Benton Township Board Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm 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 8 electorates were present.

Minutes: Trustee Beckwith made a motion to accept the March 2, 2020 minutes and bills paid in March and April. Trustee Charboneau supported the motion and was carried by all.

Correspondence: Supervisor Archambo read 8 correspondences from EGLE.

Board Members: Board was informed that the Cordwood Trail paving project was postponed again til the middle of June. The Board members will be opening up the Transfer Station Saturday May 23 and if Marv needs help, he is to call Supervisor Archambo. Supervisor Archambo made a motion to pay our hourly employees,( Patti and Marv ) while they were off because of shut down, and was supported Treasurer Couture. Motion was passed by all. Clerk Neumann made a motion to reimburse Rose Neuman \$50 on renting the Community Center since the furnace was not working the day she rented it. The motion was supported by Treasurer Couture and was carried by all. The board was informed that Marianne Brejcha has returned to work. She will be cleaning the Community Center, Town Hall, and the Park bathrooms. Clerk Neumann reported that the elections are coming up and that the state will be sending out applications for absentee ballot voting. Neumann informed board that the state is paying for 40% of the ballot envelopes. A motion by Supervisor Archambo to have Benton Township contract with Alverno Store to sell Local Sanitation bags for us while under shutdown like we do with transfer station tickets,( \$25.00 for every \$500.00 sold). The motion was supported by Trustee Charboneau and was passed with one opposed board member (Treasurer). Supervisor Archambo stated that Beckman will start brining the roads starting the 1st of June. Treasurer Couture presented board members with statements on tax collections from winter and summer 2019-2020. Treasurer Couture also commented on the state shared revenue payments we receive will be going down alot for the next year so the board should be looking at our 2020-2021 budget in the coming months. Treasurer Couture made a motion to retain MacArther law firm for the 2020-2021 year for \$500.00. The motion was supported by Trustee Charboneau and was carried by all. Treasurer Couture made a motion to accept the Tax allocation for 2020-2021 and was supported by Trustee Beckwith. Treasurer Couture brought up the drain area at the end of the hall driveway, stating it needs to be fixed soon. The board will follow up at the next board meeting. Trustee Beckwith stated the MTA meeting for May has been cancelled. The board agreed to keep the park bathrooms closed until further notice. The board will table these issues til the June 2, 2020 meeting:--safety on returning workers, Cement pads and elevation at recyle areas, order recycle bins, order free dump tickets 2020-2021, Exhaust in fire station #1 and painting of station #1, census, Community Center Rentals, Bids on hall repair on building.

Library: Mary Ellen Enos reported that the computer room will be getting carpeted. The balance \$501,461.58.

Fire Chief: 10 lines down, 4 brush fires, 3 parades, . Chief Williams asked if it was ok to use the parks parking lot to test the fire hoses on Wednesday. The board agreed.

Old business: Treasurer Couture made a motion to accept the property split for Philip Tschirhart and supported by Clerk Neumann. Motion passed by all.

Public comments: Commissioner Newman stated that the blight ord. will be addressed at the MTA conference next month. Supervisor stated that someone from Dollar General will be at the next board meeting for questions.

Pay Bills: Clerk Neumann read the bills to be paid in the month of May. Treasurer Couture made a motion to accept the bills to be paid with the support from Supervisor Archambo. Motion was carried by all.

Ajournment: Supervisor Archambo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm with the support from Trustee Charboneau. Motion was carried by all.