

BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

JUNE 2, 2020

The June 2, 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 and Constable Tim Fenlon and 8 electorates were present.

Minutes: Treasurer Couture made two changes on the May minutes. Trustee Beckwith made a motion to accept the May minutes and the bills paid in the month of May and was supported by Supervisor Archambo. The motion was carried by all. A motion was made by Trustee Beckwith to accept the May 19, 2020 Special Beebe Road meeting and the motion was supported by Treasurer Couture. Motion was carried by all.

Correspondence: Supervisor Archambo read two letters from Karen Martin on the trash on Alpena Road. Board members commented on how the Board has cleaned up messes this last year and the board did put out cameras last year for a month. DNR has put out dumpsters for this coming weekend work bee.

Board Member Comments: Supervisor Archambo stated Beckman will start Brining the roads next week. Marv Smith will be riding with them. Lance Johnson will be working the Transfer Station while Marv is brining.

Library Liaison: Mary Ellen Enos stated the Library will be doing a 6 step on reopening. Right now it is curb side. Balance for May is \$474957.79.

Fire Chief: Not present

Grounds Keeper: Doug Felmler wondering about putting rocks around the Community Center instead of the bushes that's there and looking rough. Doug has put the trash cans out at the road ends and mowed. Doug stated that there are birds nesting in the pavillion at the park. Was wondering if we should board up the ceiling . Doug has been finding mask and gloves at the park and recycling areas. Doug stated we will be needing to put money into the maintance building or getting new building. Supervisor Archambo made a motion to order 2 new recycle bins and was supported by Treasurer Couture. The motion was carried by all. Doug stated that Local Sanitation was interested in the old recycle bins. The board has a price of \$1200 for cement pads under 5 recycle bins. Doug stated that the battery containers are full and ready for recycling. The battery company stated if there is other waste mixed in with the batteries, they

will be charging \$50 an hour for sorting. Doug stated that there is enough tires to be deposited soon at the Transfer station.

Old Business: Supervisor Archambo will be contacting Jewell Cleaning about spring cleaning the Community Center. Trustee Beckwith made a motion to order 2325 free dump tickets for the 2020-2021 year to be put in with the summer tax bills. The motion was supported by Supervisor Archambo and carried by all. The board will be getting bids for painting of Alverno Fire Dept. Hall #1 meeting room, hall, and kitchen. Also chair guard in meeting room. Supervisor made a motion to get the double exhaust unit and install for Alverno Fire Dept. #1 and was supported by Trustee Beckwith. Motion was carried by all. The board will be looking at the budget in the next few months on lost revenue the township will be losing. The board decided to go month to month on the Community Center rentals on closings due to the Corona Virus. The board will be getting bids for fixing the fascia and roof outside of the Township hall. Supervisor Archambo will be contacting Dave Ross on repairing the drain at the end of the township hall driveway. The Board will be getting bids on a new maintenance building. The board already has the building plans. Supervisor will be contacting Matt Barber on the patio on the Community Center to upgrade. The Board decided the township hall meeting room will be closed to groups until further notice. The board agreed to bring back the secretaries at this time.

Public Comments: Commissioner Newman stated that the Cheboygan Fair will be cancelled this year. Supervisor Archambo stated that the Board of Review will by July 21, 2020

Bills to Pay: Clerk Neumann read off the bills to be paid in the month of June. A motion was made by Treasurer Couture and was supported by Trustee Charboneau. Motion was carried by all.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Treasurer Couture to adjourn the meeting at 8:11pm and was supported by Trustee Charboneau. Motion was carried by all.