

## BENTON TOWNSHIP

The 2nd day of July, 2019 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 Andrew Archambo, Treasurer Ann Couture, Trustee Charles Beckwith and Trustee Mike Charboneau. Deputy Clerk Carol Neumann is sitting in for Clerk Jayne Passeno. In Addition 17 electorates were present.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Treasurer Ann Couture added Park Improvements to New Business.

MINUTES: Trustee Beckwith made a motion to accept the June 4th, 2019 minutes and bills paid in June with support from Treasurer Couture. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: EGLE notice to place 50 yards of dirt and construct 6X48 pile dock for Larry Wood on South River Road. MTA sent letter thanking us for renewing our membership with them.

REPORTS: Treasurer Ann Couture states that the taxes were sent out Monday July 1st with the free dump tickets. Treasurer Couture also informed board that August 1st, she will be attending a conference in Lansing. Trustee Beckwith informed the board that 2 weeks ago, Jeff Bur, his self, and the Work Crew from the Cheboygan County Jail went to Alpena State Road and filled a 30 yard dumpster with piles of shingles found out there. Trustee Beckwith states that the last 4 or 5 years, the board has been going out to Alpena State Road along with the DNR (free dumpsters) trying to clean up. Jeff Bur started this program, who lives in Beaugrand Twp. Karen Martin has also been going out there cleaning this spring.

LIBRARY LIAISON: Mary Ellen Enos reported that the parking lot has been resealed. The bank balance is \$ 207,926.73.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Pat LaCross reported 2 trainings and one structure fire this month.

GROUNDSKEEPER: Doug Felmlee reported lots of mowing this month. Doug states that the recycle bins are starting to look rough, should think of replacing them. Supervisor Archambo stated that Extreme will be sealing the parking lot and Dave Ross will be fixing the Drain by the road. Doug purchased a 40 gallon tank sprayer. 11 dead trees were removed from the playground area and hall.

OLD BUSINESS: Supervisor Archambo received the bid from Keith-Riley Construction Company for paving Cordwood Trail and it was 25% higher than the windshield price. Cordwood Trail Road Association still wants to go forward with process. The board will hold a special meeting on July 16, 2019 at 7:00pm to approve the bid. The 2nd Special meeting for Cordwood will be July 23, 2019 at 7:00pm with the property owners of Cordwood Trail Road.

Treasurer Ann Couture presented the board with a revised resolution for payment of certain bills between meetings, which will be moved to next month's meeting when Clerk Jayne Passeno will be present.

NEW BUSINESS: Veteran Village USA sent the board a request to be able to have roadside donations. The board states they do not have the authority. The board would like them to come to a meeting and explain more about the program. Supervisor Andy Archambo read the 2019 Tax Rate Request from Cheboygan Area Schools. Trustee Beckwith made a motion to approve the property split for Darinda Adlam and the motion was supported by Ann. Motion carried. Treasurer Ann Couture inquired about getting curbs for the playground parking lot to prevent from driving on the lawn. Ann gave the board some samples to look at.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Paquet commented that millages should be put on for Benton Township for roads.

OTHER BUSINESS: MTA meeting is July 25, 2019 at 7:00pm at Mullett Township Pavillin and it will be a picnic.

BILLS: Deputy Clerk Carol Neumann presented a list of bills for the Boards approval. A motion by Treasurer Couture and supported by Trustee Beckwith. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion by Treasurer Couture and supported by Trustee Charboneau to adjourn the Benton Township meeting at 8:05pm.