

BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

JULY 7, 2020

The July 7, 2020 Benton Township Board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and began with the Pledge of the 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.

Treasurer Couture stated that the Corona Virus should be put in the June minutes pertaining to Community Center rentals. Trustee Beckwith made a motion to accept the minutes and bills from June 2020 and was supported Treasurer Couture. The motion was carried by all.

Supervisor Archambo read 3 correspondence from EGLE and 1 from Consumers Power. Supervisor Archambo made a motion to open the Township Hall for the AA group with them cleaning everything each meeting and was supported by Trustee Charboneau. The motion was carried by all. Trustee Beckwith told the board that at the July 1 2020 Cheboygan Zoning meeting, that the Dollar General project was not approved and it will be going to the Commissioners. Trustee Beckwith stated that at the last MTA meeting, the Sheriff stated that a new Blight Ord. will be starting with each township agreeing to the policy. The Blight Ord. is at the beginning stages right now and Benton Township will request a copy of the Ord. from the Cheboygan Sheriff's Dept. Treasurer Couture stated that the Summer taxes and dump tickets were sent out July 1st. The Board agreed to send dump tickets to all the veterans. Clerk Neumann stated that she has sent out over 700 Absentee ballots so far for the August election. 300 were sent out in the March election. Library Liaison Mary Ellen Enos reported that the Cheboygan Library is open to the public now with the Corona Virus precautions. Library balance in May was \$346,378.65. Chief Gary Williams was absent. Grounds Keeper Doug Felmlee reported that two recycle bins have been ordered. Doug posted pictures of a van that put a van full of carpet and misc. stuff in the recycling bins at US 23 site. Doug suggested that the board should look at getting rid of the tires at the Transfer station. Last weekend was the most trash Doug had to collect from the Benton Township road ends. Chuck Berden gave the board drawings for the new maintenance building to review. Treasurer Couture made a motion to get an architect stamp on the building plans and send them out for bids. The motion was supported by Supervisor Archambo and was carried by all. The exhaust for the Alverno Fire Dept. Hall #1 was not done yet. Supervisor Archambo stated he will be contacting Matt Barber on fixing the drain at the end of township hall driveway. Trustee Charboneau stated he will paint the Alverno Fire Dept. Hall #1 meeting room, hall, bathrooms, and kitchen and put up chair rail in the meeting room. Supervisor Archambo stated the Benton Township Board of Review is July 21, 2020 from 8:00am to 11:00am. A motion by Treasurer Couture to accept the property split for Hudson was made and supported by Trustee Beckwith. The motion was carried by all. Trustee Beckwith made a motion to accept the Quillan property split if the board got the additional paper work from the Health Dept. on the less then one acre lot. The motion was supported by Treasurer Couture and the motion was carried by all. Treasurer Couture stated the board needed more info on the Hesselink property split before

accepting and will talk to Mr. Hesselink after the meeting. Supervisor Archambo stated that the brining was done and the roads will be done again this year. Treasurer Couture made a motion to sell the two old Dumpster to Local Sanitation for \$ 1000.00 and was supported by Trustee Beckwith. The motion was carried by all. Clerk Neumann talked about getting a truck for the maintenance crew to use instead of their own vehicles. Benton Township paid out over \$2600.00 in milage for the groundskeepers last year. Trustee suggested looking into the military vehicles they have for governmental enities. Commissioner Newman stated that the Meijer's project is still going on and the Grant Township Solar panels is still going on. Newman also stated a strip mall is in the plans by Walmart. Treasurer Couture stated that the State Revenue share went down a little in March and April. Treasurer Couture made a motion to get bids for a new ramp at the Township Hall and was supported by Supervisor Archambo. The motion was carried by all. Treasurer Couture made a motion to close the Community Center for rentals for the month's of July and August because of the Corona Virus and was supported by Supervisor Archambo. The motion was carried by all. Clerk Neumann read the bills to be paid in the month of July. Trustee Charboneau made a motion to pay the July bills and was supported by Treasurer Couture. The motion was carried by all. The MTA meeting is July 30, 2020 at Forest TWP. Treasurer Couture made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm and was supported by Trustee Charboneau. The motion was carried by all.