

BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

The September 1, 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 11 electorates were present.

Minutes: Trustee Beckwith made a motion to accept the August 11 minutes and bills paid in the month of August and was supported by Supervisor Archambo. Motion was carried by all.

Correspondence: Judge Aaron Gauthier presented the board with updates this year to the Court system procedures. Supervisor read 3 correspondence from EGLE.

Board Member Comments: Clerk Neumann reported that the phones are not working right. Calls have been dropping alot. AT&T has been here four times in the last few months. Clerk Neumann asked if she could give the secretaries more hours when she starts sending ballots out since she has over 1000 applications so far. Treasurer Couture made a motion to give secretaries more hours for the month of September and was supported by Supervisor Archambo. Motion was carried by all. Clerk Neumann presented board with four increases to the 2020-2021 budget. Motion was made by Supervisor Archambo to increase the four accounts and was supported by Trustee Beckwith. The motion was carried by all. Clerk Neumann informed the board that the hall is not rented out until Christmas. Clerk Neumann stated that at next month's meeting, we board should discuss raising the dump prices for the coming year. Trustee Beckwith showed the board a metal poster for children that Forest Township donated to Benton township to put up at the playground. Library Board Liaison Mary Ellen Enos informed board that the library is open but limiting amount of people in building. Library balance is \$357,783.95. Fire Chief Gary Williams stated 3 fire calls since Aug. 11 and that the Firemen will be training this month on the new radio system. Grounds Keeper Doug Felmler informed the board that he trimmed branches at the Road ends. Felmler stated that he has gotten prices on tire removal