

BENTON TOWNSHIP

January 13, 2020

7:00 pm

The Benton Township Board was held at the Benton Township Hall, 5136 Windsor Hwy. Pottersville, MI on January 13, 2020.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Wickerham led those in attendance with the pledge to the flag.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Roger Wickerham. Others present from the Board were: Steve Davidson-Trustee, Karen Miller- Treasurer, Chris Tennes-Trustee, and Jeana Rohrs - Clerk

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Steve moved to approve the agenda. Karen supported. The agenda was approved. Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nays.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of December 9, 2019 were presented to the Board. Karen moved to approve the minutes, supported by Chris to accept the regular monthly meeting minutes of December 9.2019. Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nays

RECOGNIZE VISITORS & PUBLIC COMMENT:

Duane Smuts, Gary Walters, Rick Farrell, Kelley Coburn-Harris, John Forrell, Denise Forell, Brian Droscha, Tamma Dennis, Troy Dennis, Karen Schulze, Wendy Caster, Dairus Reynnet, Helen Schneider, Dave Shiflett, Michael Miller and Officer Holliday.

John Forrell states that Neal and Jeana Rohrs do not have any business with John or any of the other landowners who are currently under contract with Geronimo. Please be sure to follow Roberts Rules of order.

Rick Farrell spoke about attending the Appeals Board and that he did not appreciate the "bargaining" that occurred with the business owner.

Tamma Dennis thanked the Zoning Committee for tabling the decision on the gravel pit. She also accused Jeana Rohrs of being too friendly with people who represented Geronimo.

REPORTS TO BOARD:

Sheriff Report: Sheriff Holliday reported that the number of events was low this past month. There were 94 events reported this month. The Sheriff's Report will be put on file.

Fire Department Report - Chief James reported that the Fire Station had completed some cleaning that was needed. They have also had several trucks serviced. The State of Michigan EMS Agency completed their inspection and found no deficiencies. The calls for service Included 5 Township fire runs, 5 City of Potterville and 3 Mutual Aid runs; the EMS runs, 9 in Benton Township, 31 City of Potterville and 32 Mutual Aid EMS runs. The Fire Department's Report will be put on file.

Bills

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Jeana reported that a total of \$38,028.69 has been paid out over the month of December for attorney fees and other related fees that would be considered part of the new zoning ordinance.

01/10/2020

CHECK REGISTER FOR BENTON TOWNSHIP
CHECK DATE FROM 12/10/2019 - 01/10/2020

Check Date	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
Bank 101 GENERAL BANK ACCOUNT			
	EATON CO. DRAIN		
12/10/2019	COMMISSIONER	DRAIN LEVIES 2019	14,875.21
12/13/2019	STATE OF MICHIGAN	DUE TO STATE FOR WITHHOLDING	863.14
01/08/2020	CONSUMERS ENERGY	ENERGY	388.84
01/08/2020	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	MTA TRAINING	182.00
01/08/2020	THE COUNTY JOURNAL	SYNOPSIS/ PUBLIC HEARINGS	270.96
01/08/2020	FAHEY,SCHULTZ,BURZYCH,RHODES	ZONING,SANDSTONE,GENERAL	19,898.90
01/08/2020	TONYA ANZALDUA	JANITORIAL	120.00
		FOUNDATIONS HICKS, SPENCER, WEAVER/	
01/08/2020	JAKE SCHAEFER	SALT	2,675.75
01/08/2020	ROGER WICKERHAM	SUPPLIES	107.43
01/08/2020	WOW! BUSINESS	WOW	157.17
01/08/2020	WALKER, FLUKE & SHELDON, PLC	AUDIT	5,495.00
01/08/2020	KAREN L. MILLER	JUMP DRIVE	12.72
01/08/2020	QUILL.COM	INK AND PAPER	297.96
01/08/2020	POTTERVILLA	COMPUTER	95.00
01/08/2020	BADGLEY , MICHELLE		52.86
01/08/2020	CAUGHEY , JACK		36.94
01/08/2020	DAVIDSON , STEVEN		80.16
01/08/2020	FASNAUGH , THOMAS		30.83

BENTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF 01/13/2020

01/08/2020	JEWELL , RANDY	719.14
01/08/2020	KUDWA , BEN	32.32
01/08/2020	LOCKE , JEFFREY	32.32
01/08/2020	MILLER , KAREN	1,714.92
01/08/2020	OSBORN , SANDRA	719.14
01/08/2020	PELFREY , ROY	32.32
01/08/2020	ROHRS , JEANA	1,872.23
01/08/2020	TENNES , CHRISTOPHER	118.26
01/08/2020	WICKERHAM , BARBARA	35.24
01/08/2020	WICKERHAM , ROGER	<u>1,083.16</u>

Total of 28 Checks:

Less 0 Void Checks:

Total of 28 Disbursements:

Chris moved to approve paying the bills supported by Steve. . Roll call vote: Roger Wickerham-yes; Steve Davidson - yes, Jeana Rohrs - yes, Karen Miller - yes, Chris Tennes - yes, Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nay.

Clerk’s Report – The clerk's report was included in the packet. Jeana stated that neither she nor her husband has any business dealings with any land owners who are under contract with Geronimo. Jeana also stated that she works alone at least one day each week at the township office and she does not hold secret meetings on those days. She invited anyone to stop at the township and she would try to answer any questions that they might have. The Clerk's Report will be put on file.

Treasurer's Report –Karen's hours were included. The expenditures for December 2019 were \$41,961.52. Revenue from November was \$10,064.34 and the Balance on hand as January 1, 2020 was \$355,341.92. Karen apologized publically for the way Jeana has been treated on social media. She also stated that the landowners and Geronimo; even though she may disagree with them, has been nothing but polite and understanding from the beginning of the debate. The Treasurer's Report will be put on file.

Supervisor’s Report – Roger Wickerham presented the Supervisor's report and hours for the month of December. The Supervisor's report will be put on file.

Assessor’s Report - There were two new building permits, two new foreclosures and two mortgage company sales. The Assessor's report will be put on file.

Planning and Zoning Report: The report from the zoning administrator was included in our packet for the first time. If you have any questions please see Roger.

Correspondence:

A letter from Richard Farrell was read into record.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Roger presented a slate of appointments to the Fire Board. Steve Davidson, Gil Van Neste and Roger Wickerham (alternate). Roger moved to accept this slate as presented. Chris seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nays.

2. Roger presented a Notice of Adoption for an Ordinance Confirming the Establishment of the Planning Commission. Karen moved to approve, Chris seconded. Roll call vote Karen Miller - yes, Chris Tennes - yes, Steve Davidson - yes, Roger Wickerham - yes, Jeana Rohrs - no.

Public Comments:

Rick Farrell again stated his concerns with the Diemer mine project.

Brian Droscha reported that the off road vehicle ordinance never became an ordinance due to lack of support.

ADJOURNED:

Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Jeana Rohrs, Clerk