

BENTON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
November 11, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Benton Township Board was held at the Benton Township Hall, 5136 Windsor Hwy. on November 11, 2019.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Roger Wickerham. Others present from the Board were: Steve Davidson-Trustee, Jeana Rohrs-Clerk, Karen Miller Treasurer and Chris Tennes-Trustee. Jeana Rohrs read a tribute to all Veteran's in honor of Veteran's Day.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Roger moved to change the agenda by moving Sandstone Creek Solar LLC, CU-12-19-8 to number one under New Business and move number 1 and 2 down to numbers 2 and 3. Chris supported. The agenda was approved with changes. Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nays.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of October 14, 2019 were presented to the Board. Steve moved to approve the minutes, supported by Karen to accept the regular monthly meeting minutes of October 14, 2019. Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nays

Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 30, 2019 were presented to the Board. Chris moved to accept the minutes. Steve supported. The minutes from the special board meeting of October 30, 2019 were approved. Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nays.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS

Please see attached sign in sheets.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Helen Schneider read into record a letter that she had prepared.

Randy Tooker noted that Benton Township makes up only 6% of the County and that they do not give a rip about us. He addressed a question of communication between board members.

REPORTS TO BOARD

Fire Department Report - Chief James gave the report. Pumper Tanker 215 had air hoses and lines replaced. PHS Students provided assistance in cleaning and preparing the station for the Fire Prevention Open House on October 8, 2019. The New Highway Safety Lights have been installed. The Open house held on October 8, 2019 was a great success with over 350 visitors. The Department also took part of Fire Prevention Day at Potterville Elementary. The EMS team covered several runs that were held in the area. The calls for service included 5 Township fire runs, 20 City of Potterville and 1 Mutual Aid runs; there

were 13 Township EMS runs, 33 City of Potterville and 48 Mutual Aid EMS runs. The Fire Department's Report will be put on file.

October Bills

10/30/2019	15257	DAVID CHAPMAN AGENCY,INC.	PACKAGE AND AUTO POLICY	10,270.0 0	
10/30/2019	15258	JAKE SCHAEFER	GROUND/LAWN POSTAGE AND	2,964.75	
10/30/2019	15259	JEANA M. ROHRS	SUPPLIES PAYMENT FOR CHECK	64.47	
10/30/2019	15260	KAREN L. MILLER	ORDER	59.14	
10/30/2019	15261	POTTERVILLA	COMPUTER WORK TREASURERS	224.00	
10/30/2019	15262	THE COUNTY JOURNAL	ENVELOPES	442.40	
10/30/2019	15263	TONYA ANZALDUA	JANITORIAL INTERNET AND	120.00	
10/30/2019	15264	WOW! BUSINESS	PHONE	156.65	
10/30/2019	15249	DAVID CHAPMAN AGENCY,INC.	PACKAGE AND AUTO POLICY	10,270.0 0	V
10/30/2019	15250	JAKE SCHAEFER	GROUND/LAWN POSTAGE AND	2,964.75	V
10/30/2019	15251	JEANA M. ROHRS	SUPPLIES PAYMENT FOR CHECK	64.47	V
10/30/2019	15252	KAREN L. MILLER	ORDER	59.14	V
10/30/2019	15253	POTTERVILLA	COMPUTER WORK TREASURERS	224.00	V
10/30/2019	15254	THE COUNTY JOURNAL	ENVELOPES	442.40	V
10/30/2019	15255	TONYA ANZALDUA	JANITORIAL	120.00	V
10/30/2019	15256	WOW! BUSINESS	PHONE	156.65	V
11/06/2019	15265	DAVIDSON , STEVEN		80.16	
11/06/2019	15266	JEWELL , RANDY		719.15	
11/06/2019	15267	MILLER , KAREN		1,714.09	
11/06/2019	15268	OSBORN , SANDRA		719.15	
11/06/2019	15269	ROHRS , JEANA		1,870.16	
11/06/2019	15270	TENNES , CHRIS		83.76	
11/06/2019	10 15271	WICKERHAM , ROGER		1,082.32	
11/06/2019	15272	CAUGHEY , JACK		36.94	
11/06/2019	15273	FASNAUGH , THOMAS		30.83	
11/06/2019	15274	KUDWA , BEN		32.33	
11/06/2019	15275	LOCKE , JEFFREY		32.33	
11/06/2019	15276	PELFREY , ROY		32.32	

11/06/2019	15277	SORBET , MAUREEN	32.32
11/06/2019	15278	TENNES , CHRIS	34.50
11/06/2019	15279	WICKERHAM , BARB	35.24
11/06/2019	15280	BADGLEY , MICHELLE	63.42
11/06/2019	EFT3(E)	FEDERAL	971.03
11/06/2019	15281	STATE OF MICHIGAN	<u>588.48</u>

Karen 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. Hours are listed. Web site, election results, payment, land owners rights, sky is falling mentality, missed communications from the supervisor and an apology for the behavior toward our visitors at last Thursday evening's Planning Committee Meeting. The Clerk's Report will be put on file.

Treasurer's Report –Karen's hours were included. The expenditure for October 2019 was. \$11,855.88. Revenues from October were \$31,653.80 and the Balance on hand as November 1, 2019 was \$362,909.05. 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 October. Roger attended the Board of Determination for the Church & McClintic Drain; we will be getting a bill for the townships share. The Supervisor's report will be put on file.

Assessor’s Report - There were four building permits, no new foreclosures and no mortgage company sales. The Assessor's report will be put on file.

Sheriff Report: Sheriff Holiday was present. He noted that the events reported were up from last month; 103 events including two Criminal Sexual Conduct Reports. The Sheriff's Report will be put on file.

Correspondence:

Claudine Williams for the Community Development and Housing Department emailed to say that their office had received the Planning Commissions Resolution however due to time constraints they would not be able to make any comments.

Roger read the letter from the Eaton County Drain commissioner. WE are liable to pay a percentage of the cost of the Church and McClintic Drain.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sandstone Creek Solar LLC gave a presentation on CU-12-19-8. Jeana moved to approve CU-12-19-8. Steve seconded. Roll call vote: Roger Wickerham- no; Steve Davidson - yes, Jeana Rohrs -yes, Karen Miller - no, Chris Tennes - no, Motion failed 3 ayes; 2 nay. Roger moved to table CU-12-19-8. Chris supported. Roll call vote: Roger Wickerham- yes; Steve Davidson - yes, Jeana Rohrs - no, Karen Miller - yes, Chris Tennes - yes, Motion carried 4 ayes; 1 nay.

2. Roger moved to approve a Temporary Moratorium Ordinance for the Large Solar Energy Systems, Karen supported. Roll call vote: Roger Wickerham- yes; Steve Davidson - no, Jeana Rohrs - abstain, Karen Miller - yes, Chris Tennes - yes, Motion carried 3 ayes; 1 nay; 1 abstain.

3. Roger moved to approve the Township Board Resolution Regarding Benton Township Interim Zoning Ordinance Chris supported. Roll call vote: Roger Wickerham- yes; Steve Davidson - no, Jeana Rohrs - no, Karen Miller - yes, Chris Tennes - yes, Motion carried 3 ayes; 2 nay. Motion carried 3 ayes; 2 nay

Public Comments: the following people spoke:

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| Rick Farrell | Tamma Dennis | Brian Droscha |
| Charles Meddaugh | Jack Turner | |
| Scott Hoornstra | Randy Tooker | |
| Chris Chamberlain | Terry Dodge | |
| Kara Bakke | Lindsey Hoxie | |
| Dave Falsetta | Jayne Hoxie | |

Public Comment was closed at 9:10

Roger called for a Special Meeting on November 26, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNED:

Adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Jeana Rohrs, Clerk