

BENTON TOWNSHIP

December 9, 2019

7:00 pm

The Benton Township Board was held at the Benton Township Hall, 5136 Windsor Hwy. Pottersville, MI on December 9, 2019.

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 with one change; to move the Sheriff's report to the top of the Reports, Chris supported. The agenda was approved. Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nays.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of November 11, 2019 were presented to the Board. Steve moved to approve the minutes, supported by Chris to accept the regular monthly meeting minutes of November 11, 2019. Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nays

Minutes of the special meeting of November 26, 2019 were presented to the Board. Steve moved to approve the minutes, supported by Chris to accept the regular monthly meeting minutes of November 26, 2019. Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nays

RECOGNIZE VISITORS & PUBLIC COMMENT:

Duane Smuts, Gary Walters, Mike Anderson, Rick Farrell, Kelley Coburn-Harris, Don Delton, Jason Arndt, Sue Thuma, Terry Dodge, John Forrell, Denise Forell, Brian Droscha, Nancy Middaugh, Tamma Dennis, Troy Dennis, Don Buck and Officer Holliday.

Sue Thuma from Barry Eaton Health Dept reported that there were influenza shots available for ages 6 months to 18 years of age at the facility. She also reported that the Eaton County Addiction facility has been closed. She provided a list of interim availability. January is National Radon Month and the county has kits available at no cost.

REPORTS TO BOARD:

Sheriff Report: Sheriff Holliday reported that the number of events was down. He was happy with this number being down. There were 86 events reported this month. The Fire Chief thanked the

Sherriff Department for the safety net that they provide during active accident scene. The Sheriff's Report will be put on file.

Fire Department Report - Chief James reported that work continues on ISO. The new furnace is much appreciated. New fire hose was delivered and will be used for training tomorrow evening. Training included Ventilation theories in old construction and new construction. One member attended Pediatric Advance Life Support training. The Chief reported that the employees did a great job in November using the new extraction equipment. The calls for service Included 10 Township fire runs, 10 City of Potterville and 6 Mutual Aid runs; the EMS runs, 14 in Benton Township, 40 City of Potterville and 36 Mutual Aid EMS runs. The Fire Department's Report will be put on file.

Bills
December 2019

12/10/2019 CHECK REGISTER FOR BENTON TOWNSHIP
CHECK DATE FROM 11/07/2019 - 12/09/2019

Check Date	Check	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
Bank 101 GENERAL BANK ACCOUNT				
11/19/2019	15282	STATE OF MICHIGAN	OCTOBER WITHHOLDING FOR FIRE	829.82
11/20/2019	15283	CONSUMERS ENERGY	ELECTRIC FOR HALL AND CEMETERY	307.61
11/20/2019	15284	BS&A SOFTWARE	SOFTWARE TRAINING AND SET UP	6,355.00
11/20/2019	15285	FAHEY,SCHULTZ,BURZYCH,RHODES	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	315.00
11/20/2019	15286	MIDWEST TREE SERVICE	TREE REMOVAL CEMETERY	2,500.00
11/20/2019	15287	ROGER WICKERHAM	POSTAGE AND PAPER	45.92
11/20/2019	15288	QUILL.COM	OFFICE SUPPLIES	82.85

BENTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF 11-9-2019**3**

11/20/2019	15289	POTTERVILLA	PASSWORD RESET	25.00
12/04/2019	15290	CONSUMERS ENERGY	ELECTRICITY	349.67
12/04/2019	15291	DeLau FIRE SERVICES ,INC	FIRE EXTINGUISHER INSPECTION	40.00
12/04/2019	15292	THE COUNTY JOURNAL	PRINTING	438.28
12/04/2019	15293	DAVID CHAPMAN AGENCY,INC.	CYBER INSURANCE	720.00
12/04/2019	15294	FAHEY,SCHULTZ,BURZYCH,RHODES	ZONING/FOIA	16,692.50
12/04/2019	15295	TONYA ANZALDUA	JANITORIAL	120.00
12/04/2019	15296	JAKE SCHAEFER	Salary	1,414.75
12/04/2019	15297	WOW! BUSINESS	INTERNET	157.25
12/04/2019	15298	KAREN L. MILLER	CALENDAR	21.94
12/05/2019	15299	DAVIDSON , STEVEN		80.16
12/05/2019	15300	JEWELL , RANDY		719.14
12/05/2019	15301	MILLER , KAREN		1,714.09
12/05/2019	15302	OSBORN , SANDRA		719.14
12/05/2019	15303	ROHRS , JEANA		1,870.16
12/05/2019	15304	TENNES , CHRISTOPHER		83.76
12/05/2019	15305	WICKERHAM , ROGER		1,082.33
12/05/2019	15306	CAUGHEY , JACK		36.94
12/05/2019	15307	FASNAUGH , THOMAS		30.83
12/05/2019	15308	KUDWA , BEN		32.32
12/05/2019	15309	LOCKE , JEFFREY		32.32
12/05/2019	15310	PELFREY , ROY		32.32
12/05/2019	15311	SMITH , DAVID		30.82
12/05/2019	15312	SORBET , MAUREEN		32.32

12/05/2019	15313	TENNES , CHRISTOPHER	34.50
12/05/2019	15314	WICKERHAM , BARBARA	35.24
			36981.98

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. The Clerk's Report will be put on file.

Treasurer's Report –Karen's hours were included. The expenditure for November 2019 was. \$18,556.31. Revenues from November were \$54,298.36 and the Balance on hand as December 1, 2019 was \$384,349.69. 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 November. The Supervisor's report will be put on file.

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

Correspondence

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A report on the Financial Statements of Benton Township was given by Dave DeHann from Walker, Fluke and Sheldon, PLC. The township received a Clean Opinion which is the highest and best we could receive. This report is on hand at the township. Karen moved to approve and Chris seconded that we accept the 2018-2019 audit as presented. Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nays.

2. Jeana presented the 2020 calendar for meeting dates. Karen moved and Steve 2nd the motion. Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nay.

3. Roger presented the following slate of members for the Zoning Board of Appeals: Karen Miller, Jeff Locke and Kelly Coburn- Harris. Chris moved and Karen 2nd the motion. Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nay.

4. Roger presented the following nominees to be re-appointed to the Planning Commission: Roy Pelfrey, Ben Kudwa and Jason Haigh. Karen moved to accept these members be re-appointed to the Planning Commission, Chris 2nd the motion. Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nay.

5. Jeana presented Ballot Language for Charter Township with an explanation from MTA stating that the language must be approved by this board if we agree or disagree that we want Benton Township to become a Charter Township. The citizens handed in petitions in the time frame and they collected the required number of signatures; which the clerk verified. The language is as follows:

Shall the township of Benton incorporate as a charter township which shall be a municipal corporation subject to the provisions of Act No. 359 of the Public Acts of 1947, as amended, which act shall constitute the charter of such municipal corporation? Yes No.

Steve moved to approve, Chris supported. Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nay.

Public Comments:

Brian Droscha reported that Eaton County was proclaimed a disaster area from the spring rains. The state budget restored dollars for road patrol and jail reimbursements and that the new radio system is functioning.

Don Buck invited everyone to join the Fire Association for Stocking Stuffing on December 23rd.

ADJOURNED:

Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Jeana Rohrs, Clerk