

BENTON TOWNSHIP

February 10, 2020

7:00 pm

The Benton Township Board was held at the Benton Township Hall, 5136 Windsor Hwy. Pottersville, MI on February 10, 2020.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Chris Tennes led those in attendance with the pledge to the flag.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chris asked to move items 6 and 7 under new business to numbers 1 and 2 and move all other items down accordingly. Steve moved to approve the agenda with those changes. Karen supported. The agenda was approved. Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of January 13, 2020 were presented to the Board. Karen moved to approve the minutes, supported by Steve to accept the regular monthly meeting minutes of January 13, 2020. Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS & PUBLIC COMMENT:

Duane Smuts, Rick Farrell, Kelley Coburn-Harris, John Forrell, Denise Forell, Brian Droscha, Ben Cwayna, Jerry Slivensky, Marilyn Slivensky, Mike Hoskins John Diemer, Andy McClean, Jake Arndt, Connie Arndt, Don Buck, and Eugene Shanahan

Ben Cwayna introduced himself. He is a candidate for Eaton County Judge this coming year. Marilyn Slivensky stated that she is against the land mine. Rick Farrell also stated he was against the land mine.

REPORTS TO BOARD:

Sheriff Report: Chris gave the Sheriff's report. There were 81 events this past month which is down. The Sheriff's Report will be put on file.

Fire Department Report - Chief James reported that the 800 Mhz training has been completed and that as of 9:00 AM February 10, 2020 the system was operational. Engine 211 had repairs to the Pump and Ambulance 111 was serviced. The department purchased a new overhead projector for training... The calls for service Included 9 Township fire runs, 8 City of Pottersville and 2 Mutual Aid

runs; the EMS runs, 14 in Benton Township, 25 City of Pottersville and 27 Mutual Aid EMS runs.  
The Fire Department's Report will be put on file.

Bills  
 February 2020

02/11/2020  
 CHECK REGISTER  
 FOR BENTON  
 TOWNSHIP

02/04/2020	15343	CONSUMERS ENERGY	394.99
02/05/2020	15356	MILLER , KAREN	1,714.92
02/05/2020	15357	OSBORN , SANDRA	719.14
02/05/2020	15358	ROHRS , JEANA	1,872.23
02/05/2020	15359	TENNES , CHRISTOPHER	83.77
02/05/2020	15360	WICKERHAM , ROGER	1,083.15
02/05/2020	15361	CAUGHEY , JACK	73.88
02/05/2020	15362	FASNAUGH , THOMAS	61.67
02/05/2020	15363	HAIGH , JASON	32.32
02/05/2020	15364	KUDWA , BEN	64.65
02/05/2020	15365	LOCKE , JEFFREY	64.65
02/05/2020	15366	PELFREY , ROY	32.32
02/05/2020	15367	SORBET , MAUREEN	32.32
02/05/2020	15368	TENNES , CHRISTOPHER	64.64
02/05/2020	15369	WICKERHAM , BARBARA	70.48
Total of 27			14,113.36
Checks:			
Less 0 Void			0.00
Checks:			
Total of 27			14,113.36

Steve moved to approve paying the bills supported by Karen. Roll call vote: Chris - yes, Karen Miller - yes, Jeana Rohrs - yes, Steve Davidson - yes. Absent Roger Wickerham, Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent.

Clerk's Report – The clerk's report was included in the packet. The absentee applications for the upcoming March election have gone out. The Clerk's Report will be put on file.

Treasurer's Report –Karen's hours were included. The expenditures for January 2020 were \$36,261.57. Revenue from January was \$65,798.69 and the Balance on hand as February 1, 2020 was \$382,466.53. 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 January. 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.

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:

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1.SUP-2019-001 This Special Use Permit was heard by the Planning Commission on Thursday Feb. 6, 2020. The SUP was passed with 12 Preconditions and 19 Operating conditions. Mr. Diemer asked for several changes which our Zoning Administrator Tammy Foster agreed with. Jeana Rohrs moved to approve the SUV as follows: Remove condition one -i; in one -j add the word "offsite" after the word "occurs"; in condition 2-f remove the word "phase" and replace it with the word "site"; remove conditions two -g and two -m. Karen supported the motion. Roll call vote: Chris - yes, Karen Miller - yes, Jeana Rohrs - yes, Steve Davidson - yes. Absent Roger Wickerham, Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent.

2. SPR 2019-002. Jeana moved to approve, Steve seconded. Roll call vote Karen Miller - yes, Chris Tennes - yes, Steve Davidson - yes, Jeana Rohrs - yes and. Roger Wickerham - absent. Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent.

3. a. Karen moved to amend the 2019-2020 fiscal year budgets, account #101-400-702.100 Zoning Administrator by \$20,000.00 to be taken from account #101-890-955 the Contingency Fund. Chris 2nded. Roll call vote Karen Miller - yes, Chris Tennes - yes, Steve Davidson - yes, Jeana Rohrs - yes and Roger Wickerham - absent. Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent.

b. Karen moved to amend the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget account #101-400-727 Supplies by \$400.00 to be taken from the account #101-890-955 Contingency Fund. Steve 2nded. Roll call vote: Karen Miller - yes, Chris Tennes - yes, Steve Davidson - yes, Jeana Rohrs - yes and Roger Wickerham - absent. Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent.

c. Karen moved to amend the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget account #101-400-729 Printing and Publication by \$1600.00 to be taken from the account #101-890-955 the Contingency Fund. Steve 2nded. Roll call vote: Karen Miller - yes, Chris Tennes - yes, Steve Davidson - yes, Jeana Rohrs - yes and Roger Wickerham - absent. Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent.

d. Karen moved to amend the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget account #101-400-801 Professional Services by \$30,000.00 to be taken from account #101-336-818.000 Fire Protection. Chris 2nded. Roll call vote: Karen Miller - yes, Chris Tennes - yes, Steve Davidson - no, Jeana Rohrs - no and Roger Wickerham - absent. Motion failed 2 ayes; 2 nays; 1 absent.

e. Karen moved to amend the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget account 101-400-864 Supplies by \$1000.00 to be taken from the account #101-890.955 Contingency Fund. Steve 2nded. Roll call vote: Karen Miller - yes, Chris Tennes - yes, Steve Davidson - yes, Jeana Rohrs - yes and Roger Wickerham - absent. Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent.

f. Karen moved to amend the 2019-2020 fiscal year budget account #101-445-801 Drains by \$7,476.00 to be taken from account #101-890.955 Contingency Fund. Steve 2nded. Roll call vote: Karen Miller - yes, Chris Tennes - yes, Steve Davidson - yes, Jeana Rohrs - yes and Roger Wickerham - absent. Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent.

4. 2020 Federal Property Exemption Guidelines were presented. Jeana moved to accept these guidelines as presented. Karen supported. Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nays; and 1 absent.

5. Benton Township Land Division Ordinance was presented. Karen Miller moved to accept this ordinance and Steve Davidson supported. Roll call vote: Karen Miller - yes, Chris Tennes - yes, Steve Davidson - yes, Jeana Rohrs - no and Roger Wickerham - absent. Motion carried 3 ayes; 1 nays; 1 absent.

6. Resolution to establish land division fees was presented. Karen Miller moved and Steve Davidson seconded accepting these fees. Roll call vote: Karen Miller - yes, Chris Tennes - yes, Steve Davidson - yes, Jeana Rohrs - no and Roger Wickerham - absent. Motion carried 3 ayes; 1 nays; 1 absent.

7. Resolution for alternative start date for March Board of Review was presented. Jeana Rohrs moved to accept the move of the start date. Steve Davidson supported. Roll call vote: Karen Miller - yes, Chris Tennes - yes, Steve Davidson - yes, Jeana Rohrs - yes and Roger Wickerham - absent. Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent.

Public Comments:

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

Marilyn Slivensky again stated her concerns with the Diemer mine.

John Forell stated how upsetting it was that it was suggested to move money from the fire fund to pay for the cost of doing zoning at the township level when the supervisor on multiple occasions stated that the cost to the township would only be \$2000.00.

Jerry Slivensky wondered where "community" had gone in Benton Township.

Brian Droscha reported that the Second Amendment Sanctuary County would be going before the Eaton County Commissioners on Wednesday evening.

ADJOURNED:

Adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Jeana Rohrs, Clerk