

BENTON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
April 8, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Benton Township Board was held at the Benton Township Hall, 5136 Windsor Hwy. on April 8, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Karen moved to approve the agenda, Steve supported. The agenda was approved. Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nays.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RECOGNIZE VISITORS

Don Buck, Commissioner Droscha, Jason Arndt and Chief James

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jason Arndt would like to address with the Sherriff at the time of his report the motorcycle noise in the township.

REPORTS TO BOARD

Sheriff Report: Sergeant Holiday gave the report there were a total of 120 events with 39 of those being traffic stops. The Sergeant was happy with the report this month. He did let Mr. Arndt know that he would look into the sound ordinance concerning the motorcycle noise but stated that the Department typically did not give out citations for noise of motorcycles. The Sheriff's Report will be put on file.

Fire Department Report - Chief James gave the report. The Fire Board met on March 26, 2019. They elected new officers. The Cardiac Monitors were serviced and all 5 inch hoses were replaced by the company as they were under warranty and the Department was not happy with the old ones. The Department did participate in the County wide tornado drill on March 27, 2019. The Chief is currently attending ECCD Train the Trainer meetings. The City of Potterville is requesting a Proposal for Fire Protection and Prevention Services from our Department which will be discussed under "New Business" on tonight's agenda. The calls for service included 9 township fire runs and 5 Mutual Aid runs; there were 22 Township EMS runs and 33 Mutual Aid EMS runs. The Fire Department's Report will be put on file.

Bills
April 2019

Bills Paid Prior to 4-1-2019

15064 Eaton county Treasurer (Dog Licenses)	\$333.00
15065 United States Treasury (interest)	\$13.09
15066 Eaton County Drain Commissioner	\$1,376.18
15067 APEX Software (Assessors)	\$235.00
15068 Michigan Election Resources	\$280.77
15069 Roger Wickerham	\$11.15
15070 State of MI, DTMB, FIN. SERV (Assessors)	\$503.67
15071 WOW! Business	\$157.15
15072 Consumers Energy	\$457.42
15073 Jake Schafer (salting and plowing)	\$1925.00
15074 State of Michigan (Withholding tax)	\$1386.85

Bills Paid After 4-1-2019

15075 Pontem Software Contract	\$770.00
15076 Tri-County Office on aging (annual donation)	\$85.00
15077 Card member services Credit card	\$19.99
15078 Tonya Anzaldua	\$120.00
15079 Jake Schafer salary	\$1414.75
15080 Sandra Osborn	\$719.14
15081 Randy Jewell	\$719.14
15082 Jeff Locke	\$32.32
15083 Tom Fasnaugh	\$30.83
15084 Barb Wickerham	\$33.00
15085 Roy Pelfrey	\$32.32
15086 Maureen Sorbet	\$32.32
15087 Jack Caughey	\$36.94
15088 Roger Wickerham	\$1082.33
15089 Steven Davidson	\$80.16
15090 Christopher Tennes	\$83.77
15091 Karen Miller	\$1714.08
15092 David Smith	\$137.44
15093 Roy Pelfrey	\$144.07
15094 Jeana Rohrs	\$1870.16
15095 Voids/ 15097 Void	\$141.91
15096 Ben Kedwa	\$32.32
15098 Ron Kline	\$132.98

Chris has a question on the Drain payment. Chris made a motion, supported by Steve to accept and pay the bills. Roll call vote: Karen Miller- yes; Roger Wickerham-yes, Steve Davidson-yes Jeana Rohrs - yes, and Chris Tennes - yes, Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nays.

Clerk's Report – Jeana Rohrs presented the Clerk's hours for the month of March. The Special Election for the Charlotte Public School Millage will be held on May 7, 2019. The Deputy Clerk and I met and have the training for election workers set for April 19, 2019. We will also hold our public accuracy test that day. The Clerk's Report will be put on file.

Treasurer's Report –Karen's hours were included. Karen reported that the 2018 tax season has come to a close. We did balance with the County. She is still working on some past due Personal Property tax collections. The expenditures for March 2019 were. \$88,665.68. Revenues from March were \$185,823.53 and the Balance on hand as April 1, 2019 was \$287,015.63. 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 March. Roger stated that both the Board of Review and the Planning Commissions met in March. There were only two requests that came before the Board of Review. Roger attended the Potterville City Council meeting to hear what their plans were for the Fire Department. He also reported that the state had reported unclaimed monies that were due to us and that he had received word that we would be getting those funds back. The Supervisor's report will be put on file.

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

Correspondence - None

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Board of Review met in March

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Roger moved to accept and sent the approval on to the county for PA 116 for Stephen and Bridget Tennes, Steve seconded. Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nays, Chris did not vote because Steve is his brother.
2. Roger began a discussion about the Proposal for Fire Protection and Prevention Services for the City of Potterville. The City Manager has requested a Proposal. Roger stated that the City does understand that the proposal will come with cost of course. Karen said that she believe that we are not really in a position to say no due to the fact that we are currently being called for their fires. Chris asked for Chief James position; Tim believes that this must be a win for the Township or it is not worth it. He stated that if we take on this service to the City that the delivery of service to our citizens will not change. The next

step is to meet again with the Potterville City Manager. The City has offered to cover the cost of preparing an original proposal. Chris moved that we move forward with the Proposal for Fire Protection and Prevention Services. Steve seconded. Roll call vote: Karen Miller- yes; Roger Wickerham-yes, Steve Davidson-yes Jeana Rohrs - yes, and Chris Tennes - yes, Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nays.

Public Comment:

Commissioner Droscha reported that Crandell Park will host a "Water fest" on June 8th. A new county web site will be launched on May 16, 2019. He is continuing his work on placing Rumble Strips at dangerous intersection in the county.

Don Buck reported that tickets are currently on sale for the Fazoli's Dinner to be held May 7, 2019. The association is currently selling number identification signs for homes in Benton Township.

ADJOURNED:

Adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Jeana Rohrs, Clerk