

BENTON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
June 10, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Benton Township Board was held at the Benton Township Hall, 5136 Windsor Hwy. on June 10, 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, and Karen Miller-Treasurer. Absent Jeana Rohrs-Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Steve moved to approve the agenda, Chris supported. The agenda was approved. Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of May 13, 2019 were presented to the Board. Steve moved to approve, supported by Chris to accept the regular monthly meeting minutes of May 13, 2019. Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent

RECOGNIZE VISITORS

Don Buck, Commissioner Droscha, Neal Rohrs, John Forell, Gary Walters, David Shiflett, Lori Cope, David Caldon and Chief James

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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REPORTS TO BOARD

Fire Department Report - Chief James gave the report. The A110 Air Bag leveling switch was repaired. The chief gave some information at the Fire Board meeting concerning the Fire Protection proposal for the City of Potterville. The E211 had the brakes replaced. The challenges facing the Department over the summer is staffing through the vacation period. He and the Supervisor continue to work with the City of Potterville on the proposal for Fire Protection, nothing new at this time. The calls for service included 11 township fire runs and 7 Mutual Aid runs; there were 22 Township EMS runs and 36 Mutual Aid EMS runs. The Fire Department's Report will be put on file.

Bills
June 2019

Bills Paid Prior to 6-1-2019

15111 Fahey, Schultz, Burzch, Rhodes	762.50
15124 Jake Schaffer (Martis and Ranshaw Burials)	650.00
15125 BS&A	611.00
15126 Consumers Energy	363.49
15127 Carol Orlowski (Charlotte School Election)	305.50
15128 Julie Kramer (Charlotte School Election)	210.00
15129 Julia Robertson (Charlotte School Election)	210.00
15130 Maureen Sorbet (Charlotte School Election)	210.00
15131 State of Michigan (withholding)	1045.59
15132 Quill.com (supplies)	82.44
15133 The County Journal (synopsis)	\$84.16
15134 WOWS! Business	155.48
15135 Michigan Township Association (Dues)	1969.06
15136 Fahey, Schultz, Burzych ,Rhodes (council regarding potential claim)	22.50
15137 MML Workers' Comp Fund	10499.00
15138 State of MI, DTMB, FIN. Serv (assessor mail permit)	49.14

Bills Paid After 6-1-2019

15139 Tonya Anzaldua	\$120.00
15140 Jake Schafer salary	\$1414.75
15141 Roger Wickerham	\$1082.33
15142 Sandra Osborn	\$719.14
15143 Randy Jewell	\$719.14
15144 Steven Davidson	\$80.16
15145 Christopher Tennes	\$83.77
15146 Karen Miller	\$1714.08
15147 Jeana Rohrs	\$1870.16
15148 Pontem Software	250.00

Roger stated that the check number 15111/ Bill for Fahey, Schultz, Burzych, Rhodes should be removed from the list of checks that were paid. The attorney's office will be writing off the total amount of the invoice. (See copy of included email) Chris made a motion to pay the bills minus check number 15111 for Fahey, Schultz, Burzych, Rhodes and pay the remaining bills, supported by Steve. Roll call vote: Steve

Davidson- yes; Karen Miller-yes, Chris Tennes-yes, and Roger Wickerham - yes. Jeana Rohrs - absent Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nay 1 absent.

Clerk's Report – The clerk's report was included in the packet. Jeana's hours were listed. The Clerk's Report will be put on file.

Treasurer's Report –Karen's hours were included. The expenditures for June 2019 were. \$30902.88. Revenues from May were \$58,298.48 and the Balance on hand as June 1, 2019 was \$303,183.76. 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 May. Roger stated that he met with a Document Management Company; he stated that we might want to look into this in the future. The Supervisor's report will be put on file.

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

Sheriff Report: Officer Holiday gave the report. There were 100 events over the past month including two Breaking and Entering. Officer Holliday has been assigned to Windsor Township but will continue to come to each of our meetings to offer a report. The Sheriff's Report will be put on file.

Correspondence - None

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

The Planning Commission met for the required Quarterly meeting. The Drain Commission spoke about the impact of the Solar Arrays. There were many public comments. The City of Potterville reported to the committee that they are currently working to change their Master Plan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1Contracts were discussed. The Janitorial Cleaning Service Contract for 2019-2020 will remain the same as last year with the exception of wording in the third paragraph concerning the original proposal date. Chris moved to approve the Janitorial Cleaning Service contract with wording change. Steve seconded. Roll call vote: Roger Wickerham - yes, Steve Davidson - yes, Chris Tennes - yes and Karen Miller - yes. Absent Jeana Rohrs. Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nay 1 absent.

2. The Caretaker- Mowing and Trimming contract for 2019-2020 will remain the same with two changes: the same wording change as mention in the above contract; and an extension for a three year contract will be offered. With the change in the number of years this contract will be for 2019-2022. Steve moved to approve the Caretaker- Mowing and trimming contract, Chris seconded. Roll call vote: Roger Wickerham

- yes, Steve Davidson - yes, Chris Tennes - yes and Karen Miller - yes. Absent Jeana Rohrs. Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nay 1 absent.

3. The Snow Removal and Salting for the Township Hall and Cemetery contract for 2019-2020 will remain the same with two changes: the same wording change as mention in the above contract; and an extension for a three year contract will be offered. With the change in the number of years this contract will be for 2019-2022. Steve moved to approve Snow Removal and Salting contract, Chris seconded. Roll call vote: Roger Wickerham - yes, Steve Davidson - yes, Chris Tennes - yes and Karen Miller - yes. Absent Jeana Rohrs. Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nay 1 absent.

4. The Sexton - Benton Township Cemetery contract for 2019-2020 will remain the same with two changes: the same wording change as mention in the above contract; and an extension for a three year contract will be offered. With the change in the number of years this contract will be for 2019-2022. Chris moved to approve the Sexton - Benton Township Cemetery contract, Steve seconded. Roll call vote: Roger Wickerham - yes, Steve Davidson - yes, Chris Tennes - yes and Karen Miller - yes. Absent Jeana Rohrs. Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nay 1 absent.

5. Roger presented Ordinance No. 1066 Prohibition of Recreational Marihuana Establishments in Benton Township. This is the ordinance that the MTA has published for our use. Chris moved to adopt ordinance 1066, Steve seconded. Roll call vote: Roger - yes, Steve - yes, Chris - yes and Karen - yes. Absent Jeana Rohrs. Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nay 1 absent.

6. Budget Amendments:

1) Karen moved to amend the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget account #101-191-703.000 Election Board by \$1000.00 to be taken from the account #101-890-955 the Contingency fund. Roger supported. Roll call vote: Roger Wickerham - yes, Steve Davidson - yes, Chris Tennes - yes, and Karen Miller - yes Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nays 1- absent.

2) Karen moved to amend the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget account #101-191-727.000 Election Supplies by \$300.00 to be taken from the account #101-890-955 the Contingency fund. Chris supported. Roll call vote: Roger Wickerham - yes, Steve Davidson - yes, Chris Tennes - yes, and Karen Miller - yes Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nays 1- absent.

3) Karen moved to amend the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget account #101-215-729.000 Printing and Publications by \$500.00 to be taken from the account #101-890-955 the Contingency fund. Steve supported. Roll call vote: Roger Wickerham - yes, Steve Davidson - yes, Chris Tennes - yes, and Karen Miller - yes Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nays 1- absent.

4) Karen moved to amend the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget account #101-215-915.000 Website by \$200.00 to be taken from the account #101-890-955 the Contingency fund. Chris supported. Roll call

vote: Roger Wickerham - yes, Steve Davidson - yes, Chris Tennes - yes, and Karen Miller - yes Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nays 1- absent.

5) Karen moved to amend the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget account #101-276-801.000 Sexton by \$1000.00 to be taken from the account #101-890-955 the Contingency fund. Steve supported. Roll call vote: Roger Wickerham - yes, Steve Davidson - yes, Chris Tennes - yes, and Karen Miller - yes Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nays 1- absent

6) Karen moved to amend the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget account #101-863-820.000 Pension by \$800.00 to be taken from the account #101-890-955 the Contingency fund. Steve supported. Roll call vote: Roger Wickerham - yes, Steve Davidson - yes, Chris Tennes - yes, and Karen Miller - yes Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nays 1- absent

Public Comment:

Commissioner Droscha reported that the Eaton County Sheriff's Department had been recognized at the National level for the Rehab program. He also mentions that the Sheriff's department had made a major Meth bust in Eaton Township. The Commissioner stated that the Water fest held at Crandall Park was well attended. The County website is now up and running.

Don Buck presented Roger with a check in the amount of \$5000.00 to help pay for the Lucas (CPR)

David Shiflett asked if the Department currently had Grain Elevator Rescue Devices. The Chief stated that they do not.

Mr. John Forell thanked the board for all the things that we work on for the township. It is his hope after meeting with Roger last week to move forward with Solar in a positive way. He stated that he believed after the meeting that it is Roger's desire not to do anything at the Planning Board to negatively affect moving forward.

ADJOURNED:

Adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Karen Miller, Treasurer