

BENTON TOWNSHIP

June 9, 2020

7:00 pm

The Benton Township Board was held at the Benton Township Hall, 5136 Windsor Hwy. Pottersville, MI on June 9, 2020.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Roger 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, Trustee Chris Tennes and Jeana Rohrs - Clerk.

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 May 18, 2020 were presented to the Board. Jeana mentioned that the numbers included in Supervisor Wickerham's report from last month were based strictly on his research. Steve moved to approve, supported by Karen to accept the regular monthly meeting minutes of May 18, 2020. Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nays.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS & PUBLIC COMMENT: Jeaneen Smuts, Duane Smuts, Joy Suits, Gary Suits Rick Farrell, Gina Johnsen, and Charles Meddaugh.

Gina Johnsen introduced herself. Gina is running for State Representative for the 71st District.

REPORTS TO BOARD:

Sheriff Report: Roger went over the Sheriff's report... There were 77 events.

The Sheriff's Report will be put on file.

Fire Department Report - Steve gave a brief Fire board report. Both the Brush truck and new Pumper trucks are now in service. The staff continues to work on operation protocol for COVID 19. The calls for service in May included 8 Township fire runs, 6 City of Pottersville and 1 Mutual Aid runs; the EMS runs, 9 in Benton Township, 24 City of Pottersville and 25 Mutual Aid EMS runs The Fire Department's Report will be put on file.

Bills

06/10/2020 CHECK REGISTER FOR BENTON TOWNSHIP  
CHECK DATE FROM 05/13/2020 - 06/03/2020

Check Date	Bank	Check	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
Bank 101 GENERAL BANK ACCOUNT					
05/13/2020	101	15457	BENTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPT.	DOWNPAYMENT FOR 2019 PUMPER TRUCK	50,000.00
05/21/2020	101	15458	MSU FEDERAL CREDIT UNION		51,272.42
06/03/2020	101	15459	CONSUMERS ENERGY	ELECTRIC HALL AND CEMETERY	309.34
06/03/2020	101	15460	MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION	MTA DUES	2,056.12
06/03/2020	101	15461	STATE OF MICHIGAN	STATE WITHHOLDING	1,135.75
06/03/2020	101	15462	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	QUILL SUPPLIES	94.98
06/03/2020	101	15463	BS&A SOFTWARE	ANNUAL SERVICE CONTRACT	1,313.00
06/03/2020	101	15464	THE COUNTY JOURNAL	MEETING DATE CHANGE	19.86
06/03/2020	101	15465	EATON COUNTY CLERK	MARCH ELECTION	699.26
06/03/2020	101	15466	TONYA ANZALDUA	JANITORIAL	120.00
06/03/2020	101	15467	JAKE SCHAEFER	LAWN SERVICE	1,414.75
06/03/2020	101	15468	WOW! BUSINESS	INTERNET AND PHONE	156.04
06/03/2020	101	15469	JEANA M. ROHRS	POSTAGE	278.20
06/03/2020	101	15470	MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE	WORKERS COMPENSATION	8,154.00
06/03/2020	101	15471	POTTERVILLA	GMAIL RESET	30.00
06/03/2020	101	15472	DAVIDSON , STEVEN		80.16
06/03/2020	101	15473	JEWELL , RANDY		775.51
06/03/2020	101	15474	MILLER , KAREN		1,714.92
06/03/2020	101	15475	OSBORN , SANDRA		775.51
06/03/2020	101	15476	ROHRS , JEANA		1,872.23
06/03/2020	101	15477	TENNES , CHRISTOPHER		83.77
06/03/2020	101	15478	WICKERHAM , ROGER		1,083.16
Total of 22 Checks:					123,438.98
Less 0 Void Checks:					0.00
Total of 22 Disbursements:					

Jeana reported that we have currently spent \$91,765.96 for Zoning since its inception which includes two bills that were not paid in this report. May bills from 5/13/2020 to 6/3/2020 were presented and Steve moved to approve, Chris supported.

Roll call vote: Karen Miller - yes, Roger Wickerham - yes, Steve Davidson - yes. Chris Tennes-yes, Jeana Rohrs - yes, Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nays.

Clerk's Report – The clerk's report was included in the packet. Voting machines have been upgraded by the County. Election inspector training from February will be accepted by the county for Certification. Ballots will be sent to the printer this Friday. The Sec. of State will be sending applications for AV voters out later this month. The Clerk's Report will be put on file.

Treasurer's Report –Karen's hours were included. The expenditures for May 2020 were \$121,190.70. Revenue from May was \$67,986.69 and the Balance on hand as May 1, 2020 was \$393,371.35. Karen reported that she moved money to a savings account until there are CD's available that are paying better interest rates. . 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 has been working on getting bids for both the web site as well as parking lot repair. Roger reported that our Attorneys have suggested that we contact MTA and ask for assistance from the legal defense fund for the law suit. Roger suggested that the cost for legal fees would be approximately \$225.00. There were no objections. The Supervisor's report will be put on file.

Assessor's Report - There was two new building permits, no new foreclosures and no new 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. Roger asked the members of the board to look at the Zoning check list that was included and to let him know if there might be any changes; he will communicate those with Tammy. If you have any questions please see Roger.

Correspondence:

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A list of budget amendments was made:

A. Karen moved to move \$600.00 into Election Supplies from the Contingency Fund. Chris seconded Roll call vote: Roger Wickerham - yes, Chris - yes, Karen Miller - yes, Jeana Rohrs - yes, Steve Davidson - yes. Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nays.

B. Karen moved to move \$200.00 into Insurance from the Contingency Fund, Steve seconded. Roll call vote: Roger Wickerham - yes Chris - yes, Karen Miller - yes, Jeana Rohrs - yes, Steve Davidson - yes. , Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nays.

C. Karen moved to move \$10.00 into the FICA fund from the Contingency fund. Chris seconded. Roll call vote: Roger Wickerham - yes Steve Davidson - yes Chris - yes, Karen Miller - yes, Jeana Rohrs - yes, Roger Wickerham - yes, Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nays.

2. A. Roger presented the contract for Janitorial Services for the 20-21 service year with no changes from last year Karen moved to accept the contract as presented; Steve 2nd. . Roll call vote Roger Wickerham - yes, Chris Tennes - yes, Steve Davidson - yes, Jeana Rohrs - yes, Karen Miller - yes. Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nays.

B. Roger presented the Contract for the Assessors for the years 2020-2024. No changes were made to the contract from the last year. Jeana moved to accept the Assessors contract as presented; Karen supported the motion. Roll call vote Roger Wickerham - yes, Chris Tennes - yes, Steve Davidson - yes, Jeana Rohrs - yes, Karen Miller - yes. Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nays.

3. Roger presented a Request and Agreement for Road Improvements from the Eaton County Road Commission. The improvements are proposed to the culvert over the Schrontz Extension Drain section 7 and 8. The cost to the township would be \$3,910.00 and the county would contribute \$3,910.00. Jeana moved to approve the proposed drain repair, Chris supported. Roll call vote Roger Wickerham - yes, Chris Tennes - yes, Steve Davidson - yes, Jeana Rohrs - yes, Karen Miller - yes. Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Farell stated that we do not have a Zoning Administrator as there is no one to enforce the current CUP at the mine.

ADJOURNED:

Adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Jeana Rohrs, Clerk