

BENTON TOWNSHIP

July 13, 2020

7:00 pm

The Benton Township Board was held at the Benton Township Hall, 5136 Windsor Hwy. Potterville, MI on July 13, 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 from the Special Budget meeting held on June 9, 2020 were presented. Chris moved to approve the minutes as they were presented. Karen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nays.

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of June 9, 2020 were presented Steve moved to approve, supported by Chris to accept the regular monthly meeting minutes of June 9, 2020. Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nays.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS & PUBLIC COMMENT: Charles Meddaugh.

REPORTS TO BOARD:

Sheriff Report: Roger went over the Sheriff's report... There were 83 events. The Sheriff's Report will be put on file.

Fire Department Report - Steve gave a brief Fire board report. The staff continues to work on operation protocol for COVID 19. There was training on the Brush Truck and the Pumper/ Rescue 212. The calls for service in June included 12 Township fire runs, 8 City of Potterville and 1 Mutual Aid runs; the EMS runs, 20 in Benton Township, 34 City of Potterville and 27 Mutual Aid EMS runs The Fire Department's Report will be put on file.

Bills

CHECK REGISTER FOR BENTON TOWNSHIP
 CHECK DATE FROM 06/04/2020 - 07/06/2020

Check Date	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
Bank 101 GENERAL BANK ACCOUNT			
07/06/2020	CONSUMERS ENERGY	CEMETERY AND HALL	333.70
07/06/2020	STATE OF MICHIGAN	STATE TAX WITHHOLDING JUNE	1,059.51
07/06/2020	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	QUILL	114.98
07/06/2020	THE COUNTY JOURNAL	SYNOPSIS/BUDGET	91.38
07/06/2020	EATON COUNTY EQUALIZATION DEPT	MAPS FOR TOWNSHIP OF BENTON	15.00
07/06/2020	FAHEY,SCHULTZ,BURZYCH,RHODES	ZONING/GENERAL/SANDSTONE	1,140.50
07/06/2020	TONYA ANZALDUA	JANITORIAL	120.00
07/06/2020	ZIEMNICK FOSTER ENGINEERING, LLC	INVOICES FOR 7/3 AND 7/25	4,646.25
07/06/2020	JAKE SCHAEFER	SALARY	1,414.75
07/06/2020	ROGER WICKERHAM	POSTAGE AND WELL PERMIT	212.00
07/06/2020	WOW! BUSINESS	INTERNET WITH UPGRADE	231.16
07/06/2020	JEANA M. ROHRS	ELECTION POSTAGE	140.00
07/06/2020	KAREN L. MILLER	POSTAGE	565.00
07/06/2020	I.T. RIGHT	ASSESSING HELP	1,312.50
07/06/2020	DAVIDSON , STEVEN		80.15
07/06/2020	JEWELL , RANDY		775.49
07/06/2020	MILLER , KAREN		1,714.92
07/06/2020	OSBORN , SANDRA		775.49
07/06/2020	ROHRS , JEANA		1,872.23
07/06/2020	TENNES , CHRISTOPHER		116.09
07/06/2020	WICKERHAM , ROGER		<u>1,083.16</u>
Total of 21 Checks:			17,814.26
Less 0 Void Checks:			<u>0.00</u>
Total of 21 Disbursements:			17,814.26

Jeana reported that we have currently spent \$94,315.95 for Zoning since its inception. Chris moved to pay the bill as presented, Steve 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. The state provided Covid funds to pay for PPE supplies for Election Day. The Test Decks were run and the Public Accuracy test is scheduled for July 14, 2020 at 6:00 PM. There was a letter sent by my opponent in the race for clerk that had false statements in; I spoke with my opponent and he could not afford to send out more letters but said that he would work on writing a retraction for the Face book page What's Happening in Benton Township; which I have not seen yet. To my disappointment our Supervisor has given a statement of support to my opponent in his letter. Are we as a Charter able to legally vote on contracts and resolution without the correct number of members on the board? Do we need police protection and what are we to do with all of the complaints that we have been receiving that are currently not addressed in our Interim Zoning Ordinance? The Clerk's Report will be put on file.

Treasurer's Report –Karen's hours were included. The expenditures for June 2020 were \$26,744.71. Revenue from June was \$11,278.75 and the Balance on hand as July 1, 2020 was \$379,701.97. . 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 June. Roger reported that the well at the cemetery needs to be re-drilled. He has gotten the permit from the Health Department; however there was a delay in digging the well as Johnson Well Drilling Company had some personal issues that have put them behind. The Planning Committee is working on an updated zoning map for the township. MTA is going to file an Amicus Brief with the Court of Appeals for our litigation with Sandstone Creek. The Drain commissioner is letting the Munson Drain project July 29, 2020 with a day of review of apportionments and drainage district boundaries on August 20th. The Supervisor's report will be put on file.

Assessor's Report - There were four new building permits, one new foreclosure and two 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. If you have any questions please see Roger.

Correspondence:

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Roger presented three bids for a new parking lot. One from Harris Brothers, one from Quality Asphalt and one from Capital Asphalt. Chris moved to accept the bid from Harris Brothers, Karen supported. Roll call vote: Roger Wickerham - yes, Chris - yes, Karen Miller - yes, Jeana Rohrs - yes, Steve Davidson - yes. Motion carried 5 ayes; 0 nays

2. Roger presented two bids for a redesign of our web page one from Connection Group and one from Revize. Karen moved to accept the bid from Connection Group, Steve 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

Charles Meddaugh is happy to see that we are doing something about the web site.

ADJOURNED:

Adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Jeana Rohrs, Clerk