

BENTON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
September 9, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Benton Township Board was held at the Benton Township Hall, 5136 Windsor Hwy. on September 9, 2019.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Steve moved to approve the agenda, Karen supported. The agenda was approved. Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of August 12, 2019 were presented to the Board. Steve found that there were two times listed as time of adjournment. The first time is correct. Steve moved to approve the minutes with the correction to the time, supported by Karen to accept the regular monthly meeting minutes of July 8, 2019. Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent

RECOGNIZE VISITORS

Don Buck, Commissioner Droscha, Gary Walters, David Shiflett, Lindsey Hoxie, Bruce Kring, Kara Bakke and Chief James

PUBLIC COMMENT

REPORTS TO BOARD

Sheriff Report: Deputy Holliday gave the report. There were 117 events over the past month. Three domestics, and one B&E. The Sheriff's Report will be put on file.

Fire Department Report - Chief James gave the report. Training this past month included Drivers training. The football season of course has started and the Department attends not only the Varsity but also the J.V. and Youth games. The calls for service Included 14 Township fire runs and 6 Mutual Aid runs; there were 25 Township EMS runs and 38 Mutual Aid EMS runs. The Fire Department's Report will be put on file.

Bills
September 2019

Bills Paid Prior to 9-1-2019

15198 Consumers Energy	300.76
15199 Fahey, Schultz, Burzych, Rhodes	1,278.00
15200 Julie Robertson (election)	181.80
15201 Carol Orlowski (election)	352.95
15202 Maureen Sorbet (election)	205.80
15203 Julie Kramer (election)	205.80
15204 Jake Schaefer (Fhaner burial, Cole foundation)	494.00
15205 Sandra Osborn (postage)	81.90
15206 WOW! Business	157.06
15207 State of Michigan (state withholding)	1498.74

Bills Paid After 9-1-2019

15208 Planning and Zoning Center Inc (magazine)	494.00
15209 Tonya Anzaldua	120.00
15210 Jake Schafer salary	1414.75
15211 I.T. Right (hosting services)	2,432.00
15212 Randy Jewell	719.14
15213 Sandra Osborn	719.14
15214 Roger Wickerham	1082.33
15215 Steven Davidson	\$80.16
15216 Christopher Tennes	\$83.77
15217 Karen Miller	1714.08
15218 Jeana Rohrs	1870.16

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

Clerk's Report – The clerk's report was included in the packet. BS & A training hours were included. The Clerk's Report will be put on file.

Treasurer's Report –Karen's hours were included. The expenditure for August 2019 was. \$20,662.25. Revenues from August were \$12,872.41 and the Balance on hand as September 1, 2019 was \$321,716.91. 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 August. The Supervisor's report will be put on file.

Assessor's Report - There were four new building permits, no new foreclosures and no mortgage company sales. The Assesor's report will be put on file.

Correspondence

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Planning Commission met for the required statutory quarterly meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Roger presented the Fire, Ambulance, and Rescue Protection Service Agreement. Karen moved to accept the agreement as written. Steve 2nded the motion. Roll call vote: Roger Wickerham- yes; Steve Davidson - yes, Jeana Rohrs - yes, Karen Miller - yes, Chris Tennes - Absent yes, Motion carried 4 ayes; 0 nay 1 absent.

2. Roger presented the idea of mailing a survey to the people residing in Benton Township to see if they are interested in the Township doing our own zoning. He stated that due to the fact that at the last meeting there were so many people who came and voiced their concerns that he felt it is our responsibility to send out a survey. Roger was asked who would be responsible for printing, folding, stamping and mailing the survey as well as tabulating results. He stated that he would be responsible. There is currently nothing in writing as an action after these results are in. Roger did state that if the majority of the responses were not in favor that things would remain as they are. The postage would be paid from the contingency fund as this has not been addressed in the current year's budget. Karen moved to proceed

with the survey. Steve 2nd the motion. Roll call vote: Roger Wickerham- yes; Steve Davidson - yes, Jeana Rohrs - no, Karen Miller - yes, Chris Tennes - Absent yes, Motion carried 3 ayes; 1 nay 1 absent.

Public Comment:

Bruce Kring the Mayor of Potterville thanked both the Township Board and the Fire department for agreeing to accept the contract for coverage of the City of Potterville.

Kara Bakke asked if the tax amount would be listed on the survey, Roger said that it would be based on the research of three townships; Windsor, Oneida and a township within Isabella County.

Dave Schiflef wondered what the dollar amount was that Roger was basing the survey millage on was. Roger stated \$70,000.00. This amount would include the Planning and zoning Board, the Board of Appeals, the Zoning administrator and the Attorney Fees.

Gary Walters asked if the Planning and Zoning board would be elected or appointed, Roger stated that it would be appointed and the Zoning Administrator would be under contract. Gary also wonder the approximate cost for the survey, Roger guessed somewhere between \$1,000.00 and \$1,200.00 dollars. Two would be mailed to each house hold if two voters resided in the same houshold. Signatures would not be requested however an address and name would be requested.

Roger stated in answer to Judy Locke's question that it had not been discussed how long each person would have to return the surveys.

Brian Droscha reported that the Friends of the Park Fund Raiser would be held Sunday September 15, 2019 in Grand Ledge at Sanctuary Spirits from 6:30-8:30 p.mp.

There was a Farmer's Forum held last Thursday with a presentation from the MSU extension office about dealing with the wet spring.

Don Buck reported that the Fire Association was selected by Williams Farm Machinery as this month's charity recipient.

ADJOURNED:

Adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Jeana Rohrs, Clerk