

**BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD & FIRE BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

October 23, 2023

7:04 pm

The Benton Charter Township Board & Fire Board Special Meeting was held at the Township Hall, 5136 Windsor Hwy., Pottersville, MI 48876 at 7:00 PM on October 23, 2023.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Gary Suits, led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Gary Suits. Roll Call for Board Members included: Gary Suits, Supervisor, Karen Miller, Treasurer, Joy Suits, Clerk, Scott Hoornstra, Charles Meddaugh, Dave Falsetta - Trustees . Chris Tennes was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Charles moved to accept the agenda, Scott supported. Motion was passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the Board meeting on October 23, 2023 were presented in draft. Scott noted a couple of typo on the second page. Scott moved to approve the minutes with typo corrections, Charles supported. Motion was passed unanimously.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS & PUBLIC COMMENT: Dean Butler, Chad Chambers, Hannah Upright, Jenna Warner, Jennifer Lenneman, Amy Forell, Jason Arndt, Roger Wickerham, Connie Arndt, Lindsey Hoxie, Jayne Hoxie, Roy Gilbertson, Kelly Keisl, and additional attendees who did not sign the Sign-In Sheet. There was a discussion on comment procedures. Dean Butler gave his ideas on the interview process.

REPORTS TO BOARD: No Reports Given

New Business:

- Discussion on whether the Fire Chief position was full or part-time.
- Correction of mis-information. Candidates coming into a position cannot request a closed meeting, but can request a closed meeting at an exit interview.
- Fire Board Chairman Bob Bashore gave insight and recommendation as to the full-time/part-time issue of the Fire Chief position.
- Jason Arndt withdrew his name as a candidate for the fire Chief position.
- Charles made the motion to table the interviews and contact the Fire Chiefs Association to see if they can conduct the interviews as soon as possible. Dave supported. All board members voted YEA.

Public Comment

Adjournment: Charles made a motion to adjourn, supported by Scott. All board members voted yea. Meeting Adjourned at 9:03 P.M.

Joy Suits, Clerk