

BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2024

7:04 PM

The Benton Charter Township Board meeting was held at the Township Hall, 5136 Windsor Hwy., Potterville, MI 48876 at 7:04 PM on April 8, 2024.

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, Carah Spadafore-Clerk, Karen Miller-Treasurer, Scott Hoornstra, Charles Meddaugh, Chris Tennes, Dave Falsetta - Trustees

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: . Scott moved to accept the Agenda Charles supported. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the Board meeting on March 11, 2024 were presented. Chris moved to approve the minutes supported by Dave. Motion passed unanimously.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS & PUBLIC COMMENT: Chief Robert Vogel, Chad Chambers Connie Arndt, Jake Arndt, Rick Sullivan, Jim Ruff, Dairus Raynnet, Brian Drosha, Marissa Arndt, Lindsey Hoxie, Jayne Hoxie, and other unnamed visitors

REPORTS TO BOARD:

Sheriff's Report: 64 events were listed, 9 Traffic stops, 9 Traffic Violations, 4 Assist Citizen. Report will be put on file.

Fire Department Report. Fire Report was given by Robert Vogel

Bills. Were approved, Bills for February were paid \$82,272.37, Charles made the motion to approve, supported by Karen. Roll Call VOTE: 7 Yea 0 Nay

Clerk Report: Carah gave report.

Post election tasks, Assisted with tax calls, statement requests, zoning inquiries, and payroll etc. Paid bills, contractors and staff. Sent publications/postings to paper. Cemetery requests for Burials, foundations, and burial spaces. Prepared packets for meetings. Ran errands, ordered supplies, and other statutory duties for the position. Clerk report will be put on file.

Treasurer Report: Karen gave Report,
Made all bank deposits for General Fund, Tax Fund, Trust and Agency, Capital Improvement and Perpetual Fund. Assisted with Zoning, Cemetery and election calls. Signed and mailed all checks for General Fund and Payroll. Signed Fire Department checks. Paid all liabilities owed for remainder of the tax season. Bank reconciliations completed with the exception of General Fund. Continuing to work with Clerk to get all entries in. **Treasurer Report will be on file.**

Supervisor Report: Gary gave report.
WORK WITH TAMMY ON PLANNING AND ZONING ISSUES ZONING APPLICATIONS CALLS AND COUNTER ENCOUNTERS. WORKED ON ORDINANCE COMPLAINTS AND VIOLATION AND
WORK WITH BOB REGARDING PROBLEM PROPERTIES PREP WORK FOR MEETINGS STATUTORY DUTIES OF THE OFFICE. ATTENDED: PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING- NA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING - 3/11//24 FIRE BOARD MEETING - 2/26//24 BOARD OF REVIEW -March 5th, 13th,and 14th FD Exploration MTG - 3/18/24
Supervisor report will be put on file.

Assessors Report: Report was provided by Gary.
1 building permits were issued, 1 bank foreclosures, and 1 recent Mortgage Company sale.

Planning and Zoning: Report was provided by Gary.
which included 12 phone/email discussions, 1 new Zoning Compliance Permits processed,
0 Zoning Board of Appeals Petition land division, 1 Special Use Permit, 1 Site Plan Permit.

Ordinance Enforcement: Report was provided by Gary.
2326 East Vermontville Hwy. A work in progress, send one more letter to owner.
4232 Doane Hwy. Tried to contact owner through cell phone number on file. Left two messages, there has been no reply as of this writing.

Reports of Special Meetings
Report was given for Benton Township's Fire Station Facility Exploration Committee.
Report will be put on file.

Unfinished Business:
F.D. exploratory committee question removed from the table. The F.D. exploratory committee will receive no compensation, per their request.

New Business:

SUP Approval – Hidden Creek Farms short term rental. Approval with four conditions was motioned by Chris and seconded by Charles.

Reimbursement for BOR meetings and Election meals. Approval was motioned by Gary and seconded by Chris. Roll Call VOTE: 7 Yea 0 Nay

Assessing Resolution # 2024-4 was presented. Approval was motioned by Gary and supported by Chris. Roll Call VOTE: 7 Yea 0 Nay

Fire Department: Promotions and Organizational Structure upgrades were requested by Fire Chief Robert. Approval was motioned by Gary and seconded by Scott Roll Call VOTE: 7 Yea 0 Nay

Public Comment

Jake Arndt voiced his appreciation for Fire Dept support and gave notice of Petition circulating,

Dairus Reynnet announced his running for office, Jim Ruff announced his running for office.

Suggestion was made to have a cap on Reimbursement for BOR meetings and Elections. Brian Drosha

Announced the Eaton County Meetings are now available on YouTube, and gave an update on

Broadband internet coming to the area. Brian Drosha announced he will be running for reelection

Adjournment: Charles made a motion to adjourn, supported by Scott. All board members voted Yea.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Carah Spadafore, Clerk