

BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2024

7:00 PM

The Benton Charter Township Board meeting was held at the Township Hall, 5136 Windsor Hwy., Potterville, MI 48876 at 7:00PM on October 16, 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 Hoorstra, Charles Meddaugh, Chris Tennes, Dave Falsetta – Trustees

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

RECOGNIZE VISITORS & PUBLIC COMMENT: Neal Rohrs, Nick Gorge, Amy Fornell, Connie Arndt, Jake Arndt, Steve Davidson, David Eastman, Kelly Coburn-Harris, Ron Kline, Rick Sullivan, Marissa Arndt, Chad Chambers Tonya Anzaldua, Jeff Anzaldua, Joy Suits, Blayne Frey. No comment was made.

New Business:

Recommendation by Gary to Hire Nick George as interim Fire Chief

Motion to accept recommendation and to make Nick George interim Fire Chief by Charles and seconded by Scott. Roll Call VOTE: Scott - Yea, Dave- Yea, Chris – Yea, Karen-Abstained, Gary- Yea, Carah-Yea Charles-Yea . Motion carried 6 Yeas - 0 Nays 1 Abstain

A motion was made to advance \$40,000 as a loan to the fire department. Motioned by Charles and seconded by Dave. Roll Call VOTE: Scott - Yea, Dave- Yea, Chris – Yea, Karen-Yea., Gary- Yea, Carah-Yea Charles-Yea . Motion carried 7 Yeas - 0 Nays.

A motion was made to withdraw Monday night's proposal to move forward with fire Chief interviews with Western Michigan Fire Chiefs Association, and to request them to begin a search for part time Chief applicants expeditiously. Motioned by Charles and seconded by Chris. Roll Call VOTE: Scott - Yea, Dave-Yea, Chris – Yea, Karen-Yea., Gary- Yea, Carah-Yea Charles-Yea . Motion carried 7 Yeas – 0 Nays.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:19P.M. Carah Spadafore, Clerk