TOWN OF BENTONIA

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 6, 2024

The regular meeting of the mayor and alderman for the Town of Bentonia was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Lancaster. The following members were present: Colby Parks, Robert Demus, Greg Shaffer, Steve Pigg, and Kim Martin.

Motion to accept the minutes and bills was made by Colby Parks and seconded by Greg Shaffer. Motion passed with all in favor.

Motion was made by Colby Parks to accept old business, seconded by Steve Pigg. Motion passed with all in favor. Mayor discussed the CMPDD zoning project. Motion by Colby Parks to accept the zoning process and seconded by Kim Martin.

Mayor Lancaster spoke about the progress with the engineers on the reconstruction of the bridge to be repaired. He also discussed the need to have a building inspector for the Town of Bentonia. Kim asked if we would be penalized for not following state laws for inspections. Mayor Lancaster addressed the requirement for the building inspector to be licensed and certified.

Mayor Lancaster addressed the need for a court clerk. Mr. Robert Parrish will be collecting resumes to help us acquire said court clerk.

Mayor Lancaster addressed the sewage issues Mr. Davis and his daughter are having with a plan to fix the issue.

Mayor Lancaster spoke of the need for cleanup up estimates for the Ross property. Kim Martin noted that 202 Cannon Avenue also needed to be cleaned. Colby Parks made a motion, seconded by Kim Martin for a cleanup letter to be sent to 202 Cannon Avenue.

Mayor Lancaster mentioned the need for the Town to procure an attorney for the upcoming ARPA projects. Attorney Robert Parrish was the only one to submit a resume for the project. Colby Parks made a motion to hire Robert Parrish, Steve Pigg seconded the motion.

The mayor asked for any other business to come before the board. Motion to adjourn was made by Colby Parks, seconded by Steve Pigg, motion passed.

Amy Emfinger

Clerk