

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - TOWN OF BENTON
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS - REGULAR MEETING
August 8, 2018**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** by Supervisor Booth at 6:30 pm
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**
3. **ROLL CALL:** Present: Supervisor Booth, Trustees Bouchard, Keske, LaBelle, Stried and Town Clerk Bronson.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. Supervisor Booth presented the minutes of the Regular meeting dated July 11 2018. **MOTION** by Trustee Stried **SECOND** by Trustee LaBelle to approve the minutes as presented. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**

PUBLIC ADDRESSING THE BOARD: None

5. **FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Income, Cash on Deposit Reports and Profit & Loss Statements as of August 8, 2018 were presented by Supervisor Booth.
6. **APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:** Supervisor Booth presented the following disbursement's for approval:
 - a. Disbursements as of **August 8, 2018** were submitted by Supervisor Booth for approval. It was motioned by Trustee Bouchard and seconded by Trustee LaBelle to approve as presented. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion Passes.** Beginning next month, an interest Income statement will be occluded in the financial monthly reports.
 - b. **Invoice from Attorney Hartman - \$52.50:** It was motioned by Trustee Keske and seconded by Trustee Bouchard to approve as presented. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
7. **RESOLUTIONS:** There were none.
8. **HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**
 - a. Beach Park has assisted with pothole patching along 16th Street and has done a tremendous job with cleanup of garbage and wood chip requests.
 - b. Chris Bouchard from RHMG Engineering is putting together a proposal for Benton Township to help obtain grant money from both Federal and County.
 - i. RHMG is going to put together the proposal to make 17th Street in Zion an FAU route. This would make the road a federal aid route. We will perform a traffic study to determine the amount of traffic per day/month and year. If this goes through as we anticipated, then the federal grant will cover 3/4 of the rebuild of this road.
 - ii. RHMG will also be working on a package to receive Community development Block Grant (CDBG) money. This is for low income areas. Our thought process is to spruce things up and bring back property value through clean and safe roadways.
 - c. Unfortunately we have reached 50 percent of our operating budget for the year, so I will be very fragile for the next 6 months.

- d. Goals going forward:
 - i. Renew the Inter-Governmental Agreement with Village of Winthrop Harbor for Snow Removal.
 - ii. Extend our contract with G & S
 - iii. Perform minor roadway patching throughout the Township
 - iv. Address minor flooding areas.

9. ASSESSOR'S REPORT: None

10. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT: None

11. TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Bouchard: None

Keske: None

LaBelle: None

Stried: None

12. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

- a. Twenty (20) total GA/EA appointments. (14 total clients)
 - i. Clients awaiting SSI/SSDI approval - 3
 - ii. 1 Client gained sufficient employment
 - iii. Monthly GA Totals
 - 1. Shelter- \$690
 - 2. Food - \$45
 - iv. Monthly EA totals
 - 1. Shelter- \$1294
 - 2. Utilities- \$216.64
 - 3. Food - \$50
 - 4. Gas - \$48

Note: General Assistance Applications are now being mailed for clients that request it.

- b. Attended LCCTS (Lake County Transit) meeting on 7/12. They are exploring several proposals/options for expanded services and funding options.
- c. Will be attending Supervisors Training/Boot Camp thru TOI on Thursday 8/9 in Naperville.
- d. Shredding event will be this Saturday August 11th from 9am - 11am at Beach Park Middle School. Benton Township is co-sponsoring with Rep. Sheri Jesiel's office.
- e. TOI Springfield - November 11th - 13th.
- f. Received thank you letter from Lake County 2-1-1 along with a newsletter updating their startup status. Newsletter will be emailed to the Board.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

14. NEW BUSINESS: None

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

16. ADJOURNMENT - Being no further business to come before the Board, it was motioned by Trustee LaBelle and seconded by Trustee Keske to adjourn the meeting. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.** Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

MINUTES BY: _____
Sonolito Bronson - Town Clerk