

**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - TOWN OF BENTON  
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS - REGULAR MEETING  
December 12, 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, LaBelle, Keske, Stried and Town Clerk Bronson.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - a. Supervisor Booth presented the minutes of the Regular meeting dated November 14, 2018. **MOTION** by Trustee Bouchard **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 December 12, 2018 were presented by Supervisor Booth.
6. **APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:** Supervisor Booth presented the following disbursement's for approval:
  - a. Disbursements as of **December 12, 2018**. It was motioned by Trustee LaBelle and seconded by Trustee Bouchard to approve as presented. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion Passes.**
  - b. **Invoice from Attorney Hartman - \$105.00:** It was motioned by Trustee Stried and seconded by Trustee Keske to approve as presented. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
7. **RESOLUTIONS:** There were none.
8. **HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** None
  - a. 2100 residents were without power for 3 days due to a fallen tree.
9. **ASSESSOR'S REPORT:**
  - a. New County CAMA (Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal) software has now "gone live" and we are transitioning to that for the 2019 general assessment year.
  - b. Currently working on 2019 values.
  - c. Turning in tentative budget for 2019 (went over with Trustee Bouchard)

**10. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:** None

**11. TRUSTEE'S REPORT**

**Bouchard:** None  
**LaBelle:** None  
**Keske:** None  
**Stried:** None

**12. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

- a. Thirteen (13 )total GA/EA appointments. (10 total clients)
  - i. Clients awaiting SSI/SSDI approval - 2 another will be starting in early December.
  - ii. Clients denied EA/GA - 2
  - iii. Monthly GA Totals
    1. Shelter- \$500
    2. Food - \$0
  - iv. Monthly EA totals
    1. Shelter- \$750
    2. Utilities- \$0
    3. Gas - \$60
- b. Will be attending TIF Board meeting in Beach Park.
- c. Will be meeting with Mayor Bruno of Winthrop Harbor regarding TIF.
- d. Attended TOI Conference in Springfield.
- e. Township office will be closed Monday 12/24 and Tuesday 12/25 for Christmas.
- f. Possible upcoming expenditures may include painting and carpentry for work on the Township office building.
- g. Working on updating website. Supervisor Booth asked Trustees to look at other communities websites to see their Trustees bios. Will also add an Assessor's tab.
- h. Currently working on 2019 budget

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**14. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **2018-19 Corporate and Road & Bridge Levy (Ordinance No. 05-18)** - The Board discussed the General Fund Levy for tax year 2018 collected in 2019. Trustee Bouchard commented his concerns of the shortfall in the Road & Bridge Fund and the conditions of some of the roads in the Township. Supervisor Booth stated that the General Fund will not increase. He also stated that the Township is operating in a surplus. He also stated that funds can be transferred from General Fund to Road and Bridge. After further discussion, it was motioned by Trustee Bouchard and seconded by Trustee Stried to approve Ordinance No. 05-18. **AYES - 3, NAYS - 2. Motion passes.**

**15. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

- 16. ADJOURNMENT** - Being no further business to come before the Board, it was motioned by Trustee Keske and seconded by Trustee LaBelle to adjourn the meeting at 6:56pm. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned.**

MINUTES BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sonolito Bronson - Town Clerk