

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - TOWN OF BENTON
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS - REGULAR MEETING
March 13, 2019**

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 Keske, Stried, LaBelle and Town Clerk Bronson. Trustees Bouchard was absent.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. Supervisor Booth presented the minutes of the Regular meeting dated February 13, 2019. It was motioned by Trustee Keske and seconded by Trustee Stried to approve the minutes as presented. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**

PUBLIC ADDRESSING THE BOARD: None

5. **FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Income, Cash on Deposit Reports and Profit & Loss Statements as of March 13, 2019 were presented by Supervisor Booth.
6. **APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:** Supervisor Booth presented the following disbursement's for approval:
 - a. Disbursements as of **February 13, 2019:** It was motioned by Trustee LaBelle and seconded by Trustee Keske to approve as presented. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion Passes.**
7. **RESOLUTIONS:** No. 01-19 Reappoint Scott Serdar to WH Fire Protection District Board. It was motioned by Trustee Stried and seconded by Trustee LaBelle to approve the resolution as presented. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion Passes.**

At this time, Trustee Bouchard joined the meeting by phone to participate in the discussion regarding the Highway Commissioner's report.

8. **HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

Highway Commissioner Leicht said that the Benton Township Roads have taken a major hit throughout this winter. Referencing the Road engineer report, he suggested using the \$150,000 surplus fund transfer to focus on the following streets:

 - 11th street from Kenosha to Green Bay Road
 - 13th Street at Kenosha at Kenosha Road
 - 13th Street west of Fago
 - 10th Street and Hayner
 - Logan Court

Commissioner Leicht said that part of that Fago is Zion. He will be meeting with Zion to discuss options

The Board discussed and agreed with Commissioner Leicht's recommendations. Commissioner Leicht will present his recommendations in writing at the April 9th Town Hall meeting.

9. ASSESSOR'S REPORT: None

10. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT: None

11. TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Bouchard: Absent

LaBelle: Absent

Keske: None

Stried: None

12. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

- a. Seven (7) total GA/EA appointments. (6 total clients)
 - i. Clients awaiting SSI/SSDI approval - 3
 - ii. Clients denied EA/GA - 2
 - iii. Monthly GA Totals
 1. Shelter- \$700
 2. Food - \$50
 - iv. Monthly EA totals
 1. Shelter- \$250
 2. Utilities- \$0
 3. Gas - \$0
- b. Helped 2 seniors with discount license applications thru Illinois Department of Aging.
- c. Auditor was in for two days for our annual audit. It is completed. He will be scheduling a review within the next couple of weeks. We can also schedule a time for him to review with the Board at a future meeting.
- d. Attended a GA training /roundtable at Moraine Township in Highland Park.
- e. Met with State Sen. Melinda Bush. Most of our meeting was regarding pending/ future legislation regarding townships and road districts and funding for road projects.
- f. Met with State Rep. Joyce Mason on March 4, 2019. We also discuss legislation and funding issues.
- g. Attended Winthrop Harbor TIF meeting.
- h. Senior Resource Day - Wednesday April 17th at 8:30am.
- i. Annual Town Hall - Tuesday April 9, 2019 at 6:30pm.
- j. Note - I will be rescheduling the May regular meeting. New date will be Wednesday May 15th.
- k. Received Certified Letter from the City of Zion notifying the taxing bodies of its intent to annex 108 acres of property into the City. The Board discussed the potential loss of tax revenue Benton Township would have. It was the consensus of the board to have the attorney contact the City to discuss options. Supervisor Booth stated that the Public Hearing will be on Tuesday March 19th.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Supervisor Booth presented the Tentative Budgets for Corporate Funds and Road District to the Board for review. No action was taken.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Approval of \$500 donation to Meals on Wheels** - It was motioned by Trustee Keske and seconded by Trustee LaBelle to approve the donation. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

- 16. ADJOURNMENT** - Being no further business to come before the Board, it was motioned by Trustee Stried and seconded by Trustee LaBelle to adjourn the meeting at 7:07pm. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned.**

MINUTES BY:



Sonolito Bronson - Town Clerk