

**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - TOWN OF BENTON  
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS - REGULAR MEETING  
August 14, 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 Bouchard, Stried, Keske and Town Clerk Bronson. Absent: Trustee LaBelle
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Supervisor Booth presented the Regular meeting minutes from July 10, 2019. It was motioned by Trustee Bouchard and seconded by Trustee Keske to approve all meeting minutes as presented. **All in favor. Motion passes.**

**PUBLIC ADDRESSING THE BOARD:** None

5. **FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Income, Cash on Deposit Reports and Profit & Loss Statements as of August 14, 2019 were presented by Supervisor Booth.
6. **APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:** Supervisor Booth presented the following disbursement's for approval:
  - a. **Disbursements as of August 14, 2019:** It was motioned by Trustee Bouchard and seconded by Trustee Stried to approve as presented. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion Passes.**
  - b. **Invoice from Attorney Hartman-\$17.50:** It was motioned by Trustee Keske and seconded by Trustee Stried to approve as presented. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
7. **RESOLUTIONS:** None
8. **HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**
  - Two large trees were removed from parkway.
  - Pavement work is done.
  - Shoulder graveling will continue this month.
9. **ASSESSOR'S REPORT:**
  - Books are in and edit lists are complete.
  - Firewall installation will begin tomorrow
10. **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:** None
11. **TRUSTEE'S REPORT**

**Bouchard:** None  
**LaBelle:** None  
**Keske:** None  
**Stried:** None
12. **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**
  - a. Fourteen (14) total GA/EA appointments. (12 total clients)
    - i. Clients awaiting SSI/SSDI approval - 6

ii. Clients denied EA/GA - 0 (1 new client started this month.)

iii. Monthly GA Totals

1. Shelter- \$1,400
2. Food - \$250
3. Utilities - \$150

iv. Monthly EA totals

1. Shelter- \$400
2. Utilities- \$175

- a. Supervisor Booth distributed the employee health insurance info to the Board for discussion.
- b. Governor Pritzker signed HB 348 Abolishing Road Districts of less than 15 miles. The Board discussed several options for Benton Township. Supervisor Booth stated that we still have time and there are still questions that will need to be answered.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

14. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tax Objection lawsuit

- Tentative Agreement to settle \$3,100

The Board discussed the tax objection letter that Supervisor Booth received on July 11, 2019 citing an excess accumulation of the following funds:

- 2013 Road & Bridge Fund - \$4054.82
- 2014 Road & Bridge Fund - \$4248.59
- 2015 General Assistance, Social Security, Road & Bridge Funds - \$2284.19
- 2017 Corporate General Assistance Funds - \$6619.32

Supervisor Booth said that Attorney Scott Nemanich was able to get the Road & Bridge objections tossed out and advised Supervisor Booth to settle for \$3100.00. He also stated that a Township can not have no more than 2 1/2 times the accumulation funds in Corporate and Social Security funds. It was motioned by Trustee Stried and seconded by Trustee Bouchard to approve the settlement agreement for 2015 and 2017 in the amount of \$3,100.00 4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.

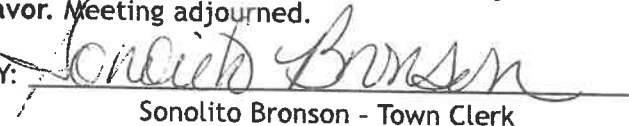
- Approval to pay fee of Scott Nemanich - Not to exceed \$1,500.

The Board discussed the professional services of Attorney Scott Nemanich related to the tax objection letter received on July 11, 2019. It was motioned by Trustee Stried and seconded by Trustee Keske to pay fee for Scott Nemanich in an amount not to exceed \$1,500. 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 Keske and seconded by Trustee Stried to adjourn the meeting at 7:04. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

MINUTES BY:

  
Sonolito Bronson - Town Clerk