

**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - TOWN OF BENTON  
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS - REGULAR MEETING  
December 11, 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, LaBelle, Stried, Keske and Town Clerk Bronson.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Supervisor Booth presented the following from November 6, 2019. It was motioned by Trustee LaBelle and seconded by Trustee Keske to approve the meeting minutes with the following changes: Under New Business, change "rustle" to "Trustee". All in favor. Motion passes.

**PUBLIC ADDRESSING THE BOARD:** None

5. **FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Income, Cash on Deposit Reports and Profit & Loss Statements as of December 11, 2019 were presented by Supervisor Booth.
6. **APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:** Supervisor Booth presented the following disbursement's for approval:
  - a. Disbursements as of **December 11, 2019:** It was motioned by Trustee Bouchard and seconded by Trustee LaBelle to approve as presented. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion Passes.**
7. **RESOLUTIONS:** None
8. **HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** None
9. **ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** None.
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. (13 total clients)
    - i. Clients awaiting SSI/SSDI approval - 3
    - ii. Clients denied EA/GA - 1
    - iii. Monthly GA Totals
      1. Shelter- \$800
      2. Food - \$100

- iv. Monthly EA totals
  - 1. Shelter- \$250
  - 2. Utilities- \$1370.56
  - 3. Food & Personal Items: \$25
  - 4. Gas - \$0

- b. Attended Beach Park TIF Board Meeting
- c. Continued talks with PACE & Randy Whitmore re: expanding service to Newport Township/including conference all.
- d. Finalized insurance coverage to TOIRMA.

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

**14. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Computer Purchase & Installation (Supv, Admin Asst) - Not to exceed \$6,500  
Supervisor Booth stated that the purchase was needed to be able to share calendars. Will use the same company that the Assessor's office is using. Software and licensing is included. It was motioned by Trustee LaBelle and seconded by Trustee Keske to approve the expenditure. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion Passes.**
- b. Levies - 2019-20 Corporate and Road & Bridge  
Supervisor Booth presented two draft ordinances to the Board. One ordinance approved keeping the levy the same and the other to increase it by 1.9%. Supervisor Booth said he thinks the levy should remain flat. Trustee Stried agreed. Trustee Bouchard shared his concerns for the status of the roads. Supervisor Booth stated that when the office manager retires, the position will be part time without benefits which will have signifiant savings from that.

It was motioned by Trustee Bouchard and seconded by Trustee Keske to increase the Corporate levy by 1.9%. **4 AYES, 1 NAY. Motion passes.**

It was motioned by Trustee LaBelle and seconded by Trustee Bouchard to increase the Road & Bridge levy by 1.9%. **5 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 LaBelle and seconded by Trustee Keske to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm. **All in favor. Meeting adjourned.**

MINUTES BY:

  
Sonolito Bronson - Town Clerk