

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES - TOWN OF BENTON**  
**LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS - REGULAR MEETING**  
**Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 6:30pm**  
**Benton Township Office**  
**40020 N. Greenbay Road, Beach Park, IL 60099**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Booth at 6:30.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Supervisor Booth led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL: Present:** Trustees Keske, Jensen, Stried and Clerk Bronson. Trustee Livingston was absent. A quorum was present.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES from November 8 2023:** It was motioned by Trustee Keske and seconded by Trustee Stried to approve the meeting minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion passes.
5. **PUBLIC ADDRESSING THE BOARD:** Amy Onan announced that the ZB Library has an opening for Trustee. Applications are available on the Library's website.
6. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:** None
7. **FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Income, Cash on Deposit Reports and Profit & Loss Statements as of December 13, 2023 were presented by Supervisor Booth.
8. **APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:**
  - a. It was motioned by Trustee Jensen and seconded by Trustee Keske to approve the disbursements from December 13, 2023 as presented. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
  - b.  **Magee Harman Invoice- \$60.00:** It was motioned by Trustee Stried and seconded by Trustee Jensen to approve the invoice as presented. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
  - c.  **Clark Baird Smith LLC - \$273.75:** It was motioned by Trustee Keske and seconded by Trustee Jensen to approve the invoice as presented. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
9. **RESOLUTIONS:** None
10. **ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** None.
11. **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:** None

**12. TRUSTEE'S REPORT**

Jensen: None

Keske: None

Livingston: None

Stried: None

**13. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** See attached.

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**15. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Approval of Ordinance 03-23 levying taxes for all town purposes for Benton Township, Lake County Illinois for the tax year 2023, collectible in 2024 in the amount of \$531,204.00:**
  - i. It was motioned by Trustee Keske and seconded by Trustee Jensen to waive the reading of the Ordinance 03-23. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
  - ii. It was motioned by Trustee Jensen and seconded by Trustee Stried to approve Ordinance 03-23 levying taxes for all town purposes for Benton Township, Lake County Illinois for the tax year 2023, collectible in 2024 in the amount of \$531,204.00. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
- b. **Approval of Ordinance 04-23 levying taxes for all town purposes for Benton Township Road District, Lake County Illinois for the tax year 2023, collectible in 2024 in the amount of \$167,312.00:**
  - i. It was motioned by Trustee Keske and seconded by Trustee Jensen to waive the reading of the Ordinance 04-23. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
  - ii. It was motioned by Trustee Streid and seconded by Trustee Keske to approve Ordinance 04-23 levying taxes for all town purposes for Benton Township Road District, Lake County Illinois for the tax year 2023, collectible in 2024 in the amount of \$167,312.00. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
- c. **Vacancy of Benton Township Assessor:** Supervisor Booth stated that Assessor Litewski will be resigning the position of Benton Township Assessor at the end of the year. He said that the Board has sixty (60) days to name a replacement by way of appointing a qualified person who lives in the Township, hiring a person from outside the Township or entering into an Intergovernmental agreement with another Township. An executive session will be scheduled at the next meeting to discuss options.

**16. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- a. It was motioned by Trustee Stried and seconded by Trustee Keske to enter into Closed Session at 7:04 pm. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
- b. It was motioned by Trustee Jensen and seconded by Trustee Keske to reconvene the regular Township meeting at 7:29pm will all members present. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**

**17. DECENNIAL COMMITTEE:** None

**18. ADJOURNMENT** - Being no further business to come before the Board, it was motioned by Trustee Streid and seconded by Trustee Livingston to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

*Minutes prepared by Sonolito Bronson, Town Clerk*