

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - TOWN OF BENTON
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS - REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 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 6:30pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Supervisor Booth led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL: Present:** Trustees Jensen, Keske, Stried and Supervisor Booth. Trustee Livingston was absent. A quorum was present.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES from January 10, 2024:**
 - a. **Regular Meeting Minutes:** It was motioned by Trustee Jensen and seconded by Trustee Stried to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 10, 2024 as presented. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
 - b. **Closed Session Meeting Minutes:** It was motioned by Trustee Jensen and seconded by Trustee Keske to approve the Closed Session meeting minutes from January 10, 2024 as presented. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
5. **PUBLIC ADDRESSING THE BOARD:** Amy Onan, Resident, stated that there are now four (4) representatives from Benton Township serving on the Zion Benton Library Board.
6. **FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Income, Cash on Deposit Reports and Profit & Loss Statements as of February 14, 2024 were presented by Supervisor Booth.
7. **APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:**
 - a. It was motioned by Trustee Stried and seconded by Trustee Jensen to approve the disbursements through January 31, 2024 as presented. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
 - b. It was motioned by Trustee Stried and seconded by Trustee Keske to approve the disbursements from January 31, 2024 - February 14, 2024 as presented. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
 - c. **Magee Hartman Invoice- \$20.00:** It was motioned by Trustee Jensen and seconded by Trustee Keske to approve the invoice as presented. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
8. **RESOLUTIONS:** None
9. **ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** None
 - Assessment increase of 11 ½% is expected.
 - Thirty one exemptions have been filed.

10. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT: None

11. TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Jensen: None

Keske: None

Livingston: Absent

Stried: None

12. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: See attached

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Warrant of Appointment of the Township Board of Trustees** - After reading Jennifer Letewski's resignation letter into the record, it was motioned by Trustee Jensen and seconded by Trustee Keske to approve the appointment of Lisa Woodman as the Benton Township Assessor. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**

Clerk Bronson administered the Oath of Office to Assessor Woodman.

- b. **Approval of Agenda 2025- Annual Town Meeting:** It was motioned by Trustee Stried and seconded by Trustee Jensen to approve the 2025 Annual Town Meeting Agenda with changes as discussed. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Discussion of Corporate Budget and Road & Bridge Budget:** Supervisor Booth presented the tentative Corporate and Road & Bridge Budgets to the Board for review & discussion. Budgets will be on the March agenda for consideration. No action was taken.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

16. **ADJOURNMENT** - Being no further business to come before the Board, it was motioned by Trustee Jensen and seconded by Trustee Stried to adjourn the meeting at 6:59pm.
All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Sonolito Bronson, Town Clerk