

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - TOWN OF BENTON
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS - REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 13, 2024 6:40pm
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 6:40pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Supervisor Booth led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL: Present:** Trustees Keske, Livingston, Jensen, Stried, Supervisor Booth and Clerk Bronson. A quorum was present.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting from February 14, 2024:** It was motioned by Trustee Jensen and seconded by Trustee Keske to approve the meeting minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion passes.
5. **PUBLIC ADDRESSING THE BOARD:** Representatives from Bee City USA encouraged the Board to support the request for a Resolution in making Benton Township a Bee City USA Affiliate.
6. **FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Income, Cash on Deposit Reports and Profit & Loss Statements as of March 13, 2024 were presented by Supervisor Booth.
7. **APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:**
 - a. It was motioned by Trustee Jensen and seconded by Trustee Stried to approve the disbursements from March 13, 2024 as presented. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
 - b. **Magee Harman Invoice- \$40.00:** It was motioned by Trustee Livingston and seconded by Trustee Jensen to approve the invoice as presented. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
8. **RESOLUTIONS:** None
9. **ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** The Assessor's office hired a new employee who will deal mostly with commercial appraisals. She will start in April.
10. **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:** None
11. **TRUSTEE'S REPORT**

Jensen: None
Keske: None
Livingston: None
Stried: None
12. **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** See attached

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Bee City USA:** The Board discussed passing a resolution that designates Benton Township an affiliate of Bee City USA. This designation will help sustain pollinators, responsible for the reproduction of almost 90% of the world's flowering plant species, by providing them with healthy habitat, rich in a variety of native plants free or nearly free of pesticides. In the United States alone, there are over 3,600 species of bees that are responsible for the pollinating flowering plants that produce fruits, nuts and vegetables for our consumption.

Supervisor Booth believed that the resolution would be more effective if it was passed by cities within Benton Township. He also added that this is not a function of the Township. Trustee Stried commented that we should take action but he has questions. Supervisor Booth encouraged the Board to send all questions related to the Bee City USA to him. It was the consensus of the Board to include this on the next meeting agenda. No action was taken.

b. **Final Budget Approval:**

- i. **Corporate Budget:** It was motioned by Trustee Keske and seconded by Trustee Livingston to approve the Corporate Budget as presented: **5 AYES, 0 Nays. Motion passes.**
- ii. **Road & Bridge Budget:** It was motioned by Trustee Jensen and seconded by Trustee Stried to approve the Road & Bridge Budget as presented: **5 AYES, 0 Nays. Motion passes.**

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

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 Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 7:04pm. **All in favor. Meeting adjourned.**

Minutes prepared by Sonolito Bronson, Town Clerk