

**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - TOWN OF BENTON  
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS - REGULAR MEETING  
February 14, 2018**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by Supervisor Booth at 6:32pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** led by Supervisor Booth.
3. **ROLL CALL:** Present: Supervisor Booth, Trustees Bouchard, Keske, Stried and Town Clerk Bronson. **Also in Attendance:** Assessor Jennifer Litewski, Don Leicht
4. **APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 10, 2018:** It was motioned by Supervisor Booth and seconded by Trustee Stried to approve the meeting minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion passes.
5. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 10, 2018:** It was motioned by Trustee Stried and seconded by Supervisor Booth to approve the meeting minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion passes.
6. **PUBLIC ADDRESSING THE BOARD:** There was none.
7. **FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Income & Cash on Deposit reports as of **January 10, 2018**, were presented by Supervisor Booth.
8. **APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:** Supervisor Booth presented the following disbursements for approval:
  - Disbursements as of January 31, 2018. It was motioned by Trustee Bouchard and seconded by Trustee Keske to approve as presented.  
4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.
  - Disbursements as of February 14, 2018. It was motioned by Supervisor Booth and seconded by Trustee Bouchard to approve as presented.  
4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.
  - Invoice submitted from Attorney Hartman - \$560.00: It was motioned by Trustee Stried and seconded by Trustee Bouchard to approve as presented.  
4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.
9. **RESOLUTIONS:** There was none.
10. **HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**
  - There were no calls or complaints related to the snow removal efforts. He
  - There were 0 accidents on our roads.
  - There will be an IGA coming up for approvalCommissioner Leicht asked if his budget line item for streets can be amended. Supervisor Booth will look into this and followup.
11. **ASSESSOR'S REPORT:**

None

**12. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:**

None

**13. TRUSTEE'S REPORT**

Bouchard: None

Keske: None

Stried: None

**14. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

- a. General Assistance/Emergency Assistance appointment held in January: 10
  - i. 3 clients on continuing GA - awaiting SSI/SSDI approval
  - ii. 2 new applicant approved for GA
  - iii. 1 clients received EA grants for shelter, utilities and food.
  - iv. 3 client was denied/withdrew application
  - v. January Emergency Assistance Disbursements
    1. Shelter/Rental Assistance - \$418
  - vi. January General Assistance Disbursements
    1. Shelter - \$690
    2. Food - \$45
- b. Continuing early work on 2018/19 budget. The final profit/loss statements for fiscal year included in packets. Lake County advised that we should have our final levy amount in early March.
- c. Office closed Monday, February 12 for President's Day.
- d. Attended Lake County Township Supervisor meeting on January 17. Presentation was given by Coalition to Reduce Recidivism. I believe the this is a valuable resource/referral sure for our potential clients the have criminal background. Member agency fee is \$150. Supervisor Booth requested approval to become a member of Coalition to Reduce Recidivism. It was motioned by Trustee Keske and seconded by Trustee Bouchard to become a member of the Coalition to Reduce Recidivism. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
- e. The Zion Benton Public Library's Authors After Hours provides free books and the chance to meet and talk with authors. This program serves students from Beach Park and Winthrop Harbor Schools. Supervisor Booth requested approval to donate \$100 to the Zion Benton Public Library's Authors After Hours Program. It was motioned by Trustee Bouchard and seconded by Trustee Keske to donate \$100 to the Zion Benton Public Library's Authors After Hours Program . **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
- f. The annual audit process has started. Auditor will be onsite twice during the next week.

**15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**There is none.

**16. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Approval of Agenda for 2018 Annual Town Meeting:  
Supervisor Booth stated that the annual Town Hall meeting will be held on Tuesday April 10th at 6pm. It was motioned by Trustee Stried and seconded by Trustee Keske to approve the 2018 Annual Town Meeting Agenda. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**

17. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

18. **ADJOURNMENT -**

It was motioned by Trustee Bouchard and seconded by Trustee Stried to adjourn the meeting at 7:03pm. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

MINUTES BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sonolito Bronson - Town Clerk