

**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - TOWN OF BENTON  
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS - REGULAR MEETING  
October 10, 2018**

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 and Stried. Trustee Keske and Town Clerk Bronson were absent.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - a. Supervisor Booth presented the minutes of the Regular meeting dated September 12, 2018. **MOTION** by Trustee LaBelle **SECOND** by Trustee Bouchard to approve the minutes as presented. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**

**PUBLIC ADDRESSING THE BOARD:** None

5. **FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Income, Cash on Deposit Reports and Profit & Loss Statements as of September 12, 2018 were presented by Supervisor Booth.
6. **APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:** Supervisor Booth presented the following disbursement's for approval:
  - a. Disbursements as of **September 12, 2018** were submitted by Supervisor Booth for approval. Supervisor Booth discussed the expenses related to seal coating the parking lot. He stated that this was not a normal monthly expense and should have come before the Board. It was motioned by Trustee Stried and seconded by Trustee Bouchard to approve as presented. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion Passes.**
7. **RESOLUTIONS:** There were none.
8. **HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** None
9. **ASSESSOR'S REPORT:**
  - a. Working on assessments for 2019.
10. **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:** None
11. **TRUSTEE'S REPORT**

Bouchard: None  
LaBelle: None  
Stried: None
12. **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**
  - a. Ten (10 )total GA/EA appointments. (7 total clients)
    - i. Clients awaiting SSI/SSDI approval - 2
    - ii. Monthly GA Totals
      1. Shelter- \$490
      2. Food - 0

- iii. Monthly EA totals
  - 1. Shelter- \$831
  - 2. Utilities- \$165
  - 3. Gas - \$25

1 client was denied GA

- b. Contacted by TOIRMA - Township Insurance. Allowing them to quote our annual insurance policy (workers comp, liability, officials bonds, etc..) Quote has been received but has not ben thoroughly reviewed at this time.
- c. Attended the Community of Character Walk in Zion on 9/13. Good event, well attended.
- d. Janet O' Brien and Supervisor Booth received LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) training. We will be able to fill out these applications for our low income seniors and other hardship residents and deliver to Community Action Partnership of Lake County (CAP)- rather than just referring everyone to CAP. Our Township has not offered this opportunity before.
- e. Effective October 11, 2018, the following changes will be made with regard to payment amounts and requirements for General Assistance and Emergency Assistance with Benton Township:
  - i. Payment amount for GA will increase to \$250
  - ii. For Emergency Assistance ONLY, we will no longer disqualify applicants based solely on income.
  - iii. For Emergency Assistance ONLY, the payment schedule will be as follows:
    - a. 1 person household - grant up to \$175
    - b. 2 person household - grant up to \$250
    - c. 3 person household - grant up to \$325
    - d. 4 or more household - grant up to \$400
  - iv. An Emergency Assistance grant may be less than the amount shown above, if the life-threatening circumstance can be resolved for less.
  - v. Emergency Assistance remains a 1 time per calendar year program.

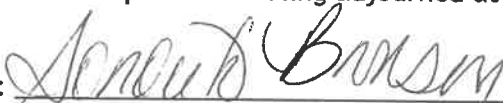
13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

14. NEW BUSINESS: None

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

16. ADJOURNMENT - Being no further business to come before the Board, it was motioned by Trustee Stried and seconded by Supervisor Booth to adjourn the meeting. 4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.

MINUTES BY:



Sonolito Bronson - Town Clerk