

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - TOWN OF BENTON
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS - REGULAR MEETING
October 9, 2019**

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, Stried, Keske, LaBelle and Town Clerk Bronson.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Supervisor Booth presented the Regular meeting minutes from September 11, 2019. It was motioned by Trustee Keske and seconded by Trustee LaBelle to approve all meeting minutes as presented. **All in favor. Motion passes.**
5. **PUBLIC ADDRESSING THE BOARD:** None
6. **FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Income, Cash on Deposit Reports and Profit & Loss Statements as of October 9, 2019 were presented by Supervisor Booth.
7. **APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:** Supervisor Booth presented the following disbursement's for approval:
 - a. Disbursements as of October 9, 2019: It was motioned by Trustee Bouchard and seconded by Trustee Stried to approve as presented. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion Passes.**
 - b. **Invoice from Attorney Hartman-\$122.50:** It was motioned by Trustee LaBelle and seconded by Trustee Keske to approve as presented. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
8. **RESOLUTIONS:** None
9. **HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** Highway Commissioner Leicht said that September has been an active month due to the rain. Sunrise Tree Service was hired to cut back that brush at intersections to give residents better line of sight.
10. **ASSESSOR'S REPORT:**
Assessors office has been very busy with appeals.
11. **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:** None
12. **TRUSTEE'S REPORT**
Bouchard: None
LaBelle: None
Keske: None
Stried: None

13. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

- a. Seventeen (17) total GA/EA appointments. (15 total clients)
 - i. Clients awaiting SSI/SSDI approval - 5
 - ii. Clients denied EA/GA - 3
 - iii. Client application pending: 2
 - iv. Monthly GA Totals
 - 1. Shelter- \$1,100
 - 2. Food - \$100
 - 3. Transportation - \$300
 - v. Monthly EA totals
 - 1. Shelter- \$950
 - 2. Utilities- \$250

- a. Supervisor Booth attended the following meetings/events:
 - i. 211 Kick off event in Libertyville
 - ii. Community Walk in Zion
 - iii. Mayors Luncheon
 - iv. Beach Park Census Committee
 - v. Talks with PACE & Randy Whitmore re: expanding service to Newport Township

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: ZB Quarterly Magazine - Supervisor Booth stated that he was highly pleased with the ZB Publication and believes that the Township should continue its participation for the remainder of the year. It was motioned by Trustee Stried and seconded by Trustee Keske to approve \$1200 for the remaining three issues of the ZB Publication. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes**

15. NEW BUSINESS: Filling vacancy for Highway Commissioner - Supervisor Booth stated that Highway Commissioner Leicht has relocated out of the Township. Commissioner Leicht highly recommended Tim Neargarder as his replacement. Mr. Neargarder has been employed with the Village of Winthrop Harbor for the last five years as its Public Works Director. Mr. Neargarder started his career in Public Works with the Village of Highland Park and will bring a wealth of experience to the role. It was motioned by Trustee LaBelle and seconded by Trustee Stried to appoint Tim Neargarder to the position of Highway Commissioner effective November 1, 2019. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

17. ADJOURNMENT - Being no further business to come before the Board, it was motioned by Trustee Stried and seconded by Trustee LaBelle to adjourn the meeting at 6:58pm. **All in favor. Meeting adjourned.**

MINUTES BY: _____

Sonolito Bronson
Sonolito Bronson - Town Clerk