

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - TOWN OF BENTON
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS - REGULAR MEETING
December 9, 2020**

VIA ZOOM: <https://zoom.us/j/7226346619?pwd=eHZXTediaFA2Q2N2M0JxMG5iYk95Zz09>

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 (joined at 6:52pm), Keske, Stried, LaBelle and Town Clerk Bronson.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** It was motioned by Trustee Keske and seconded by LaBelle to approve the meeting minutes from November 11, 2020 with the following changes:
 - a. Page 2, under Unfinished business, delete the second "the levy".**4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
5. **PUBLIC ADDRESSING THE BOARD:**
 - a. Olivia Livingston introduced herself to the Board as a candidate for Trustee.
 - b. Jimmy Smith introduced himself to the Board as a candidate for Trustee.
6. **FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Income, Cash on Deposit Reports and Profit & Loss Statements as of December 9, 2020 were presented by Supervisor Booth.
7. **APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:**
 - a. Disbursements as of **December 9, 2020:** It was motioned by Trustee Stried and seconded by Trustee Keske to approve as presented. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
8. **RESOLUTIONS:**
 - a. **Resolution 09-20: In Recognition of Distinguished Service - Janet O'Brien**
Trustee Keske and Supervisor Booth both expressed their heartfelt thanks to Ms.O'Brien for her years of employment with the Township. It was motioned by Trustee Keske and seconded by Trustee Streid to approve the Resolution as presented. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
9. **HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** None
10. **ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** Due to COVID-19, the County will not require Seniors and Veterans will not have to re-file for exemptions in 2021.
11. **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:**

The Clerk stated the following:
To help reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Benton Township office is closed to the public.
The nomination packet submission hours are as follows:
Monday December 14, 2020 - Friday December 18, 2020: 8am - 12 noon
Monday, December 21, 2020: 2pm to 5pm
If alternate hours are needed, please call the Township at 847-746-2100 to make an appointment. All persons entering the building must wear a face covering.

If two or more petitions are simultaneously filed for the same office at 8am on December 14, 2020 or between 4pm and 5pm on Monday, December 21, 2020, a lottery shall be held to determine the order of filing.

Candidates or their designees will be asked for their name and mobile number and given a slip that says Simultaneous Filer. They should stay in their cars until called to come in and submit their nomination papers. Only the candidate or their designee will be allowed in the building. The lottery shall be conducted within nine days after the last day of the petition filing period and shall be open to the public. The local election official shall give seven days' written notice of the time and place of the lottery to the candidates involved.

Staff cannot notarize or bind nomination papers. Nomination papers cannot be amended once filed. Only a receipt for filling the Statement of Economic Interests may be added until 5:00pm on December 21, 2020.

12. TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Bouchard: None

Keske: None

LaBelle: None

Stried: None

13. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: See attached

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

At this time, Trustee Bouchard joined the meeting at 6:52pm.

15. NEW BUSINESS: Levies - 2020-2021 Corporate & Road & Bridge

a. **Corporate Fund** - It was motioned Trustee Stried and seconded by Trustee LaBelle to keep the levy flat. **3 AYES, 2 NAYS. Motion passes.**

b. **Road & Bridge Levy:** It was motioned by Trustee LaBelle and seconded by Trustee Stried to increase the levy by 1.9% and approve Ordinance 05-20 as presented. **45 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 Keske and seconded by Trustee Stried to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm. **All in favor.** Meeting adjourned.

MINUTES BY: *Sonolito Bronson*

Sonolito Bronson - Town Clerk