

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES - TOWN OF BENTON**  
**LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS - REGULAR MEETING**  
**Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 6:30pm**  
**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 6:31pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** - Supervisor Booth led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL: Present:** Trustees Keske, Livingston, Stried, Supervisor Booth and Town Clerk Bronson. Trustee Jensen was absent. A quorum was present.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES from December 14, 2022:** It was motioned by Trustee Stried and seconded by Trustee Keske to approve the 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 January 13, 2023 were presented by Supervisor Booth.
7. **APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:** It was motioned by Trustee Keske and seconded by Trustee Livingston to approve as presented. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
8. **RESOLUTIONS:** None
9. **ASSESSOR'S REPORT:**
  - a. Online filing for 2023 exemptions is on the website
  - b. Exemptions will increase in 2024 as follows:
    - i. General Homestead increase from \$6,000 to \$8,000
    - ii. Senior Homestead increase from \$5,000 to \$8,000
10. **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:** None
11. **TRUSTEE'S REPORT**

Jensen: Absent  
Keske: None  
Livingston: None  
Stried: None
12. **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** See attached.
13. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**14. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Budget 2023-24 Discussion:**

- i. Supervisor Booth reviewed the tentative Road & Bridge & General Fund budgets with the Board. No action was taken.

**b. ZB Children's Dental Clinic Donation**

- i. It was motioned by Trustee Livingston and seconded by Trustee Stried to donate \$300 to ZB Children's Dental Clinic. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**

**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 Stried to adjourn the meeting at 7:14pm. **All in favor. Meeting adjourned.**

Minutes recorded by: *Sonolito Bronson*  
Sonolito Bronson - Town Clerk