

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - TOWN OF BENTON
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS - REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, August 14, 2024 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 6:30pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Supervisor Booth led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL: Present:** Trustees Jensen, Livingston, Stried, Keske and Supervisor Booth.
A quorum was present.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 10, 2024:**
 - a. **Regular Meeting Minutes:** It was motioned by Trustee Livingston and seconded by Trustee Jensen to approve the meeting minutes as presented. **All in favor. Motion passes.**
5. **PUBLIC ADDRESSING THE BOARD:**
 - a. Amy Onan, resident of Benton Township, asked if she could ask a question and make a comment during discussion of Agenda Item 14.
 - b. Kathy Printz, a resident of Winthrop Harbor, requested a copy of the 2022 Budget.
6. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**
 - a. **Kevin Kinnavy - Audit Review:** Mr. Kinnavy was not able to attend the meeting. Supervisor Booth asked the Board to review the audit and submit any questions for Mr. Kinnavy to him.
7. **FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Income, Cash on Deposit Reports and Profit & Loss Statements as of August 10, 2024 were presented by Supervisor Booth.
8. **APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:**
 - a. It was motioned by Trustee Stried and seconded by Trustee Keske to approve the disbursements from August 14, 2024 as presented. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
 - b. **Magee Hartman Invoice - \$140:** It was motioned by Trustee Livingston and seconded by Trustee Jensen to approve the invoice as presented. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
9. **RESOLUTIONS:** None
10. **ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** Assessor Woodman said assessments will be published tomorrow. 1st day for appeals begins August 15.
11. **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:** None

12. TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Jensen: None

Keske: None

Livingston: None

Stried: None

13. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Please see attached.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Salary Ordinance: The Board discussed setting the salaries of the Benton Township Elected officials for the upcoming term as follows. No action was taken.
 - i. Supervisor - Reduce the salary from \$67k per year to \$60k per year for years 1 & 2 with a 5% increase starting in Year 3. The suggested reduction was due to the hiring of a part time case worker.
 - ii. Trustees - Remain at \$2500 per year.
 - iii. Clerk - Increase salary from \$5000 to \$6250 in Year 1 with an additional \$1250 increase in Year 3. The suggested increase was based on the duties and responsibilities of the Clerk.
 - iv. Assessor- Increase salary from \$80k to \$84,500 in year 1. The suggested increase was based on the responsibilities and duties of the Assessor.

15. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Replacement of Gutters on Township Building - \$6,000:** Supervisor Booth presented a quote from Precision Roofing to replace the gutters on the east side of the building. He said that replacing the gutters will help prolong the life of the recent improvements made to the front entrance of the building. It was motioned by Trustee Stried and seconded by Trustee Livingston to approve a proposal submitted by Precision Roofing in the amount of \$6,000. **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 Jensen and seconded by Trustee Keske to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 pm. **All in favor. Meeting adjourned.**

Minutes prepared by Sonolito Bronson, Town Clerk