

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - TOWN OF BENTON
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS - REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, January 8, 2025 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 Keske, Livingston, Stried and Supervisor Booth. Trustee Jensen was absent. A quorum was present.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM December 11, 2024:** It was motioned by Trustee Livingston and seconded by Trustee Keske to approve the meeting minutes as presented.
All in favor. Motion passes.
5. **PUBLIC ADDRESSING THE BOARD:** None
6. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: Presentation to Benton-Greenwood Cemetery Board:**
Loren Congden, Joseph Hughes & Michael Ruchti
 - a. **Resolution 1-25 - Loren Congden:** After reading the Resolution into the record by Supervisor Booth, it was motioned by Trustee Stried and seconded by Trustee Livingston to approve Resolution No. 1-25 recognizing Loren Congden for his distinguished service as a member of the Benton-Greenwood Cemetery Board from 1979 - 2024. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
 - b. **Resolution 2-25 - Joseph Hughes:** It was motioned by Trustee Livingston and seconded by Trustee Keske to waive the reading of the resolution. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.** It was motioned by Trustee Keske and seconded by Trustee Livingston to approve Resolution No. 2-25 recognizing Joseph Hughes for his distinguished service as a member of the Benton-Greenwood Cemetery Board from 2007 - 2024. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
 - c. **Resolution 3-25 - Michael Ruchti:** It was motioned by Trustee Stried and seconded by Trustee Keske to waive the reading of the resolution. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.** It was motioned by Trustee Keske and seconded by Trustee Livingston to approve Resolution No. 3-25 recognizing Michael Ruchti for his distinguished service as a member of the Benton-Greenwood Cemetery Board from 2009 - 2024. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
7. **FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Income, Cash on Deposit Reports and Profit & Loss Statements as of January 8, 2025 were presented by Supervisor Booth.
8. **APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:** It was motioned by Trustee Livingston and seconded by Trustee Stried to approve the disbursements from January 8, 2025 as presented. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**

- a. **Magee Hartman Invoice - \$25.00:** It was motioned by Trustee Stried and seconded by Trustee Keske to approve the invoice from Magee Hartman in the amount of \$25.00. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**

9. RESOLUTIONS: None

10. ASSESSOR'S REPORT: None

11. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT: None

12. TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Jensen: None

Keske: None

Livingston: None

Stried: None

13. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Booth discussed the activities conducted from December 12 - January 8, 2025, which included the following:

General Assistance/Emergency Assistance appointments - 10

General Assistance:

- # of clients: 2
- Shelter: \$850
- Utilities: \$0
- Gift Cards: \$50

Emergency Assistance

- # of clients: 4
- Shelter: \$1,350
- Utilities: \$0
- Gift Cards: \$0

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

15. NEW BUSINESS: None

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

17. ADJOURNMENT - Being no further business to come before the Board, it was motioned by Trustee Livingston and seconded by Trustee Keske to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 pm. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Sonolito Bronson, Town Clerk