

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES - TOWN OF BENTON**  
**LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS - REGULAR MEETING**  
**Wednesday, March 26, 2025 6:40pm**  
**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 6:40pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Supervisor Booth led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL: Present:** Trustees Jensen, Livingston, Stried and Supervisor Booth. Trustee Keske was absent. Trustee Keske was absent. A quorum was present.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM February 13, 2024:** It was motioned by Trustee Livingston and seconded by Trustee Jensen to approve the meeting minutes with the following changes:
  - Change the meeting day from Wednesday to Thursday. **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 March 26, 2025 were presented by Supervisor Booth.
7. **APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:**
  - a. **Approval of Disbursements as of March 26, 2025:** It was motioned by Trustee Stried and seconded by Trustee Jensen to approve the disbursements as presented. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
  - b. **Magee Hartman Invoice - \$275:** It was motioned by Trustee Livingston and seconded by Trustee Jensen to approve the invoice as presented. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
  - c. **HMG Invoice - \$4,279.75:** It was motioned by Trustee Stried and seconded by Trustee Livingston to approve the invoice as presented. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
8. **RESOLUTIONS:** None
9. **ASSESSOR'S REPORT:**
  - County has sent out exemption reminder letters to residents.
  - Tentative factor will be 10.15%.
10. **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:** None
11. **TRUSTEE'S REPORT**

Jensen: None  
Keske: Absent  
Livingston: None  
Stried: None

**12. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** Supervisor Booth discussed the activities conducted from February 13 - March 26, 2025, which included the following:

General Assistance/Emergency Assistance appointments - 13

General Assistance:

- # of clients: 2
- Shelter: \$900
- Utilities: \$0
- Gift Cards: \$0

Emergency Assistance

- # of clients: 6
- # of clients denied - 1
- # of clients pending - 2
- Shelter: \$1,350
- Utilities: \$1,228.65
- Gift Cards: \$0

**13. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Update on Road & Bridge: Supervisor Booth said that he has had several phone calls/email exchanges with State of IL, HMG & other 3rd party vendors to assist with various registrations needed to be registered and completed the grant application. Road grant application has been submitted to the State. The contract with HMG will be on April's Regular Agenda for consideration.
- b. **FY25 Corporate Fund Budget & Appropriation Ordinance No. 01-25:** It was motioned by Trustee Livingston and seconded by Trustee Jensen to approve the FY25 Corporate Fund Budget & Appropriation Ordinance as presented. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
- c. **FY25 Road & Bridge Budget & Appropriation Ordinance No. 02-25:** It was motioned by Trustee Jensen and seconded by Trustee Livingston to approve the FY25 Road & Bridge Fund Budget & Appropriation Ordinance as presented. **4 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**15. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**16. ADJOURNMENT** - Being no further business to come before the Board, it was motioned by Trustee Streid and seconded by Trustee Livingston to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Sonolito Bronson, Town Clerk