

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - TOWN OF BENTON
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS - REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, May 14, 2025 6:30pm
Beach Park Village Hall
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, Keske, Livingston, Stried and Supervisor Booth.
A quorum was present.
- 4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 8, 2025:** It was motioned by Trustee Jensen and seconded by Trustee Livingston to approve the meeting minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion passes.
- 5. PUBLIC ADDRESSING THE BOARD:** Mayor Bruno from the Village of Winthrop Harbor, presented Supervisor Booth with a proclamation thanking him for his service to the community as Benton Township Supervisor.
- 6. FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Income, Cash on Deposit Reports and Profit & Loss Statements as of May 14, 2025 were presented by Supervisor Booth.
- 7. APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS:**
 - a. Disbursements as of May 14, 2025** It was motioned by Trustee Jensen and seconded by Trustee Keske to approve the disbursements as presented. 5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.
 - b. Magee Hartman - \$100:** It was motioned by Trustee Livingston and seconded by Trustee Jensen to approve the invoice from Magee Hartman as presented. 5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.
- 8. RESOLUTIONS:**
 - a. Resolution 06-25: Medical Fund Reimbursement:** It was motioned by Trustee Keske to and seconded by Trustee Jensen to waive the reading of the Resolution. All in favor. Motion passes. It was motioned by Trustee Livingston and seconded by Trustee Keske to approve Resolution 06-25 as presented. 4 AYES, 0 Nays, 1 Passed. Motion passes
 - b. Resolution 07-25: Recover Rebuild Illinois Funds:** After reading Resolution 07-25 into the record, it was motioned by Trustee Jensen and seconded by Trustee Livingston to approve Resolution as presented. 5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.

9. ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Assessor Woodman shared that her office has processed half of the amount of exemption request compared to last year. She encouraged all seniors and disabled veterans to contact her office to apply.

10. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT: None

11. TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Jensen: Expressed her thanks and appreciation to the Board for the opportunity to serve the residents of Benton Township.

Keske: Extended his appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Board for many years. He also extended his best wishes to Supervisor Booth on his retirement and wished success to the incoming trustees.

Livingston: Shared her thanks to Supervisor Booth, Trustee Jensen and Trustee Keske for their willingness to serve. She wished them all the best on their next chapter.

Stried: Thanked Supervisor Booth, Trustee Jensen & Trustee Keske for their years of service to Benton Township. He also thanked his friends and family for their support.

12. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Booth discussed the activities conducted from January 9 - February 12, 2025, which included the following:

General Assistance/Emergency Assistance appointments - 2

General Assistance:

- # of clients: 2
- Shelter: \$900
- Utilities: \$0
- Gift Cards: \$50

Emergency Assistance

- # of clients: 5
- # of clients denied - 2
- # of clients pending - 0
- Shelter: \$900
- Utilities: \$400
- Gift Cards: \$0

13. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Oath of Office:

- i. Supervisor Booth administered the Oath of Office to Sonolito Bronson for Benton Township Clerk.
- ii. Clerk Bronson administered the Oath of Office to Michael R. Stried for Benton Township Supervisor.
- iii. Clerk Bronson administered the Oath of Office to Joe Knobbe for Benton Township Trustee.

- iv. Clerk Bronson administered the Oath of Office to LeNah Klinger for Benton Township Trustee.
- v. Clerk Bronson Administered the Oath of Office to Olivia Livingston for Benton Township Trustee.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

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 Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 pm. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Sonolito Bronson, Town Clerk