

**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - TOWN OF BENTON  
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS - REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, August 13, 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 Stried at 6:30pm.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Supervisor Stried led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL: Present:** Trustees Klinger, Knobbe, Livingston, Printz and Supervisor Stried. A quorum was present.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM July 9, 2025:** It was motioned by Trustee Klinger and seconded by Trustee Livingston 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 August 13, 2025 were presented by Supervisor Streid.
7. **APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS as of August 13, 2025**
  - a. It was motioned by Trustee Livingston and seconded by Trustee Klinger to approve the disbursements as presented. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
8. **RESOLUTIONS:**
  - a. **11-25: Participation by Elected Officials in IMRF:** After Supervisor Stried read the resolution into the record, it was motioned by Trustee Knobbe and seconded by Trustee Printz to approve the resolution as presented. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes**
9. **ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** Assessor Woodman stated that assessments have been published. Deadline to appeal assessment is September 8.
10. **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:** None
11. **TRUSTEE'S REPORT**

Klinger: None  
Knobbe: None  
Livingston: None  
Printz: None
12. **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** Supervisor Stried discussed the activities conducted from July 10 - August 13, 2025, which included the following:  
  
General Assistance Clients Interviewed: 1  
Emergency Assistance Clients Interviewed- 6

**Supervisor Activities:**

- Met with various tree removal services at Benton-Greenwood Cemetery
- Discussed parking lot with vendors. The parking lot will be sealcoated in the spring/summer.
- Completed notary certification
- Met with commercial HVAC contractors concerning Township building needs
- Ongoing site meeting/visits with Roger Edmonds re: our Road project.
- Met with Rep. Mason re: DECO Road Grant project update.
- Exploring options to replace Township's security camera system hard drive.

**13. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Sealcoating parking lot - Project will be completed in spring/summer.
- b. Road Improvement Project Update: Supervisor Stried provided an update regarding the DCEO Road Grant project. He said there has been positive movement and the engineers are ready to move forward with the bid process.
- c. Cemetery tree removal: Supervisor Streid received five bids ranging from \$3800 to \$6000. Mike Stried explained that several large, long-dead trees in the cemetery need to be removed, along with stump grinding, hole filling, grass seeding, and cleanup. Of the five bids that were submitted, Bowline Tree Service submitted the lowest and most thorough bid, highlighting their professionalism, experience, and sensitivity to the cemetery setting.
- d. HVAC Update: Assessor Woodman and Supervisor Stried provided an overview of the issues with the Township's HVAC unit. Supervisor Stried and Trustee Printz discussed recent bids submitted by two commercial HVAC companies (Martin Peterson and Northern Weathermakers. They believe that Martin Peterson would be the best choice.
- e. TOI Conference Nov 10 - 12, 2025. Supervisor Stried encouraged all trustees to attend.

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**15. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**16. ADJOURNMENT** - Being no further business to come before the Board, it was motioned by Trustee Livingston and seconded by Trustee Klinger to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm. **All in favor. Meeting adjourned.**

Minutes prepared by Sonolito Bronson, Town Clerk