

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - TOWN OF BENTON
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS - REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, October 1, 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 Livingston, Printz and Supervisor Stried. Trustees Klinger and Knobbe were absent. A quorum was present.
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM September 10, 2025:** It was motioned by Trustee Printz and seconded by Trustee Livingston to approve the meeting minutes with the following corrections:
 - Supervisor Stried stated the work at the cemetery was completed.
 - Change DCDEO to DCEO.**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 October 1, 2025 were presented by Supervisor Stried.
- 7. APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS as of October 1, 2025**
 - a. It was motioned by Trustee Livingston and seconded by Trustee Printz to approve the disbursements as presented. **3 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
- 8. RESOLUTIONS:** There were none.
- 9. ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** Assessor Woodman shared that 112 appeals were filed and cameras have been installed on the property.
- 10. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:** None
- 11. TRUSTEE'S REPORT**
Klinger: Absent
Knobbe: Absent
Livingston: No report
Printz: No report
- 12. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** Supervisor Stried discussed the activities conducted from September 11 - October 1, 2025, which included the following:

General Assistance Clients Interviewed: 4
Emergency Assistance Clients Interviewed- 4

Supervisor Activities/Updates:

- Cemetery tree removal is completed.
- HVAC installation is underway.
- Ring camera system has been installed.
- Supervisor Stried encouraged Trustees to let him know if they plan to attend the TOI conference in Springfield from Nov 10 - 12, 2025.
- Discussed plans to address snow removal from the parking lot and walkway leading up to the township office.
- Met with contractors to determine the best way to address 16th Street & East End Road.

13. NEW BUSINESS: Supervisor Stried provided an overview of what a levy is. More information regarding the Township levies will be provided at the next meeting.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Bid Update for Road Project:** Derek Anderson, Senior Engineer with HMG Engineering, held a bid opening for the DCEO Road Grant project on September 4, 2025. Two bids were received. Peter Baker & Sons was the lowest responsible bidder. He said the grant is currently at the "notice of state award" stage with DCEO, but a definitive approval date could not be provided. It could take anywhere from a few weeks to three months to finalize. If the grant is not finalized by mid-October, the project will likely be pushed to 2026, with work potentially starting in May when the plants reopen. The contractor, Peter Baker, is flexible and willing to perform the work in 2026 if the grant is not completed this year. The Board is waiting to sign the contract with Peter Baker until the grant money is secured.

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 Printz to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 pm. **All in favor. Meeting adjourned.**

Minutes prepared by Sonolito Bronson, Town Clerk