

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES - TOWN OF BENTON**  
**LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS - REGULAR MEETING**  
**Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 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 6:30 pm.
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 December 10, 2025:** It was motioned by Trustee Livingston and seconded by Trustee Klinger to approve the meeting minutes with the following changes:
  - Under Supervisor's report, Change "Kathie Bach" to Katie Bak.
  - Under New Business, under Health Insurance Reimbursement, notate that the reimbursement is for FY26.**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 January 14, 2026 were presented by Supervisor Stried.
7. **APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS as of January 14, 2026**
  - a. It was motioned by Trustee Klinger and seconded by Trustee Livingston to approve the disbursements as presented. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
  - b. **Magee Hartman - \$175:** It was motioned by Trustee Printz and seconded by Trustee Knobbe to approve the invoice as presented. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
8. **RESOLUTIONS:** There were none.
9. **ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** None
10. **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:** Clerk Bronson thanked Administrative Assistant Kim Hill for her dedication and professionalism and wished her well.
11. **TRUSTEE'S REPORT**

**Klinger:** None  
**Knobbe:** None  
**Livingston:** Will attend the Dreams Breakfast at Waukegan Township on January 19, 2026.  
**Printz:** None

**12. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** Supervisor Stried discussed the activities conducted from December 11, 2025 - January 14, 2026, which included the following:

Supervisor Activities/Updates:

- Snow removal for our Township roads is going well.
- Fire alarm system was serviced by ADS.
- Visited Abiding Love Food Pantry in Zion and The Giving Point in Winthrop to view their operations.
- FY26 Budget is being finalized. Will be presented to the Board for review in February.

**13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**14. NEW BUSINESS:** Supervisor Stried and the Township Board thanked Kim Hill for her dedication to her position as Administrative Assistant.

**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 6:59 pm. **All in favor. Meeting adjourned.**

Minutes prepared by Sonolito Bronson, Town Clerk