

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - TOWN OF BENTON
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS - REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, December 10, 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 6:32 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 November 12, 2025:** It was motioned by Trustee Livingston and seconded by Trustee Klinger to approve the meeting minutes with the following changes: Under Trustee's Report, change Knobbe from "Absent" to "None". **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 December 10, 2025 were presented by Supervisor Stried.
7. **APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS as of December 10, 2025**
 - a. It was motioned by Trustee Printz and seconded by Trustee Knobbe 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 Klinger to approve the invoices for September and October as presented. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
8. **RESOLUTIONS:** There were none.
9. **ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** None
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 November 13 - December 10, 2025, which included the following:

Supervisor Activities/Updates:

- Snow removal for the Benton Township building provided by “Harvey & Crew” is working out well.
- HVAC system is working great. Still monitoring the various room temps to gauge any adjustments needed.
- Road project on the calendar for spring...based on delivery of DCEO grant.
- Administrative Assistant Kim Hill's last board meeting will be January 14, 2026. Kathy Bach has been hired as her replacement and is currently in training.
- Best wishes to all for a great Holiday Season!

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Levies 2025 - 2026

- a. **Ordinance 03-25 - Corporate Levy for 2025-2026.** It was motioned by Trustee Klinger and seconded by Trustee Livingston to approve the ordinance as presented. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
- b. **Ordinance 04-25: Road & Bridge Levy for 2025-2026:** It was motioned by Trustee Knobbe and seconded by Trustee Printz to approve the ordinance as presented. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**

14. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Intergovernmental Agreement with Newport Township (Road Maintenance):** It was motioned by Trustee Knobbe and seconded by Trustee Livingston to approve the agreement as presented. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
- b. **Assembly of God Food Pantry - \$500:** It was motioned by Trustee Livingston and seconded by Trustee Klinger to approve a donation to Assembly of God Food Pantry in the amount of \$500. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
- c. **Health Insurance Reimbursement (Spousal Surcharge/Lisa Woodman) - \$1200:** Assessor Woodman stated that she has opted out of using the Township’s health insurance because she is covered under her husband’s insurance. However, her husband pays a \$50 per paycheck surcharge to keep Assessor Woodman covered since she voluntarily opted out of using the Township’s insurance. It was motioned by Trustee Knobbe and seconded by Trustee Klinger to reimbursement the spousal surcharge in the amount of \$1200. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

16. ADJOURNMENT - Being no further business to come before the Board, it was motioned by Trustee Klinger and seconded by Trustee Livingston to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. **All in favor. Meeting adjourned.**

Minutes prepared by Sonolito Bronson, Town Clerk