

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - TOWN OF BENTON
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS - REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 11, 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 7:12 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 February 11, 2026:** It was motioned by Trustee Livingston and seconded by Trustee Klinger to approve the meeting minutes with the following changes:
 - Approval of meeting minutes from January 14, 2026,
 - Correct spelling of Livingston
 - Change the second from Klinger to Knobbe.
 - Trustees Report (Livingston)
 - Correct spelling error.

All in favor. Motion passes.
5. **PUBLIC ADDRESSING THE BOARD:** There was none.
6. **FINANCIAL REPORTS:** The Board reviewed and discussed the Income, Cash on Deposit Reports and Profit & Loss Statements as of February March 11, 2026.
7. **APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS as of March 11, 2026**
 - a. It was motioned by Trustee Klinger and seconded by Trustee Printz to approve the disbursements as presented. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
 - b. **Magee Hartman - \$25:** It was motioned by Trustee Livingston and seconded by Trustee Klinger to approve the invoice as presented. **5 AYES, 0 NAYS. Motion passes.**
8. **RESOLUTIONS:** There were none.
9. **ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** Assessor Woodman reported the following:
 - New employee started last week.
 - Processed 62 exemptions so far.
10. **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:** No report.
11. **TRUSTEE'S REPORT**

Klinger: No report

Knobbe: No report

Livingston: Made Supervisor Stried aware of a pothole at 13th & Lewis.

Printz: Attended Village of Winthrop Harbor's last month. Shared that the Village will be going out to bid for some road upgrades. Suggested Supervisor Stried coordinate with them regarding our road project.

12. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Supervisor Stried discussed the activities conducted from February 12, 2026 - March 11, 2026, which included the following:

- All culverts are still intact.
- Funding for road project should be available May/June.
- Senior Resource Day - Wednesday April 15, 9am - 12noon
- Front office is covered Monday - Thursday
- A new smart thermostat has been installed.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was none.

14. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Approval of FY26/27 Corporate Budget:** It was motioned by Trustee Knobbe and seconded by Trustee Livingston to approve the FY26/27 Corporate Budget as presented. **All in favor. Motion passes.**
- b. **Approval of FY26/27 Road & Bridge Budget.** It was motioned by Trustee Knobbe and seconded by Trustee Printz to approve the FY26/27 Road & Bridge Budget as presented. **All in favor. 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 8:00 pm. **All in favor. Meeting adjourned.**

Minutes prepared by Sonolito Bronson, Town Clerk