

Benton Township Board Meeting

September 11th, 2019
7606 E State Road 45, Bloomington, IN, 47408

Attendance

- Michelle Bright, Trustee
- Joe Husk, Chair
- Hans Kelson, Secretary
- Lynn Stevens, Board Member
- Kevin Robling, Legal Counsel

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve July Minutes: Kelson
Second: Stevens
Approved Unanimously

Financial Report

Rainy Day Fund

- YTD Expense: \$1,102
- Appropriation Balance: \$98,898.02
- Cash Balance: \$195,267.46

Township Fund

- YTD Expense: \$57,184.62
- Appropriation Balance: \$25,815.38
- Cash Balance: \$117,200.76

Township Assistance Fund

- YTD Expense: \$4,596.58
- Appropriation Balance: \$15,403.42
- Cash Balance: \$97,632.07

Firefighting Fund

- YTD Expense: \$178,147.62
- Appropriation Balance: \$214,852.38
- Cash Balance: \$429,265.55

Cumulative Fire Fund

- YTD Expense: \$2,550.00
- Appropriation Balance: \$297,005.00
- Cash Balance: \$330,159.77

Recreation Fund

- YTD Expense: \$11,849.23
- Appropriation Balance: \$4,150.77
- Cash Balance: \$9,233.60

Deposits

- Local Income Tax: \$10,959.00
- Interest from Trust Indiana: \$1,793.33
- We did not receive a restitution payment from Heather Cohee this month.

Approval

- Motion to Approve Financial Report: Kelson
Second: Stevens
Approved Unanimously

Trustee Report

Budget Adoption

- Our Budget Adoption is set for October 9th.

Property Updates

- Parking lot is paved now! Husk has concerns about some areas.
- Upgraded to metal pipe for the compressed air lines, now doing the same in the back building.
- Finished the lights for the flag

Monroe County Mobile Vet Clinic

- Parking lot was packed the whole time.
- 37 pets were seen.

Danny Smith Park

- Asked Ryan Steele for an update, have not received anything.

Senior Center

- After a year, the AA group that was meeting here has decided to disband.

Cemeteries

- We are officially the owners of the Richardson Cemetery, per a decision by Judge Harvey.

New Fire Department Volunteer

- No official word on whether the new volunteer which was mentioned last month has been approved, though their vehicle was there. Have not received any paperwork as per the contract, and have asked for it again.

Fire Department Mechanical Issues

- Contracted with Jeff Bailey to perform maintenance items which are too much for Zach.

Structural Engineer

- Met with a local contractor on Monday. Had a hard time getting anyone to come out. Will be seeking a second opinion.

Engine Update

- Out of service since at least August 13th.
- Computer that controls several aspects of the pump and engine has gone bad, and the vendor is no longer in business.
- The truck is currently at Donley, and they are working with another vendor to construct some parts that are needed.

Fire District Updates

- Bloomington and Van Buren Townships have completed their signature requirements, and those signatures have been verified by the Auditor.
- Remonstrance period for both Bloomington and Van Buren ended Monday, September 9th.
- County Commissioners held a meeting to hear from any taxpayers who objected. There were no remonstrances filed with the Auditor's office, and there was no public comment.
- The Commissioners will consider this matter on Wednesday, September 18th.

Volunteer Contract

- Mr. Robling and I have added some new items to the proposal:
 - All Equipment and Vehicles shall be compliant with all State and Federal Regulations
 - All Equipment will remain on-station unless approved in writing by the Trustee
 - Any Vehicles that are taken home shall be maintained and checked in the same manner as the vehicles at the station

Township Assistance Report

- Seven requests for assistance in total, of note:
 - Burial request which ended up being resolved without our help
 - Man granted \$700 for lot rent for his mobile home and \$171 for his electric service
 - Woman who usually comes in around this time of year was granted \$25.62 for water and \$253.00 for electricity
 - Man granted \$105.58 for electric service
 - Man granted \$1200 for back rent and \$136.87 for electric service
- No pantry donations
- 3 pantry uses totalling \$61 value
- 3 of the 4 assistance cases who needed help with electric bills were up for disconnect that day. Referred them to additional resources, and helped one man with getting his health insurance back and some help with food stamps
- One man who we've helped multiple times will be up for Social Security in November
- The most requested pantry items are most paper products. Toilet paper, etc.

Indian Creek Meeting

- Attended Indian Creek Budget Hearing to see what the public response would be to the pending tax increase they are facing
- Was surprised to find that there wasn't much response at all- the only people at the meeting seemed to be regulars, and had no problem with it.

Approval

- Motion to approve Trustee's Report: Stevens
Second: Kelson
Approved Unanimously

Fire Reports

NMFT

- NMFT Only: 8
- BTVFD Only: 0
- Both Agencies: 11
- Only one BTVFD on scene: 7

Approval

- Motion to Approve NMFT Report: Kelson
Second: Stevens
Approved Unanimously

BTVFD

July

- Received report.

August

- Have not received report yet. Will follow up with Zach.

Approval

- Motion to Approve BTVFD Report for July: Stevens
Second: Kelson
Approved Unanimously
- Motion to Table BTVFD Report for August: Kelson
Second: Stevens
Approved Unanimously

New Business

Firefighting Fund Transfer

- Move \$29,500.00 from Personal Services to be split between Supplies (\$5,000) and Other Services and Charges (\$24,000).

Rainy Day Fund Transfer

- Move \$25,000.00 from Capital Outlays to be split between Supplies (\$5,000) and Other Services and Charges (\$20,000).

Approval

- Motion to approve both transfers: Stevens
Second: Kelson
Approved Unanimously

2020 Budget

Agenda Amendment

- Motion to amend agenda to change “2019 Budget” to “2020 Budget”: Kelson
Second: Stevens
Approved Unanimously

Budget Hearing

- No changes since previous meeting
- No discussion

Approval

- Motion to approve 2020 Budget as handed out (Will be adopted at the next meeting): Stevens
Second: Kelson
Approved Unanimously

Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn: Kelson
Second: Stevens
Meeting adjourned at 7:05.