

Benton Township Board Meeting

January 1st, 2020
7616 E State Road 45, Bloomington, IN, 47468

Attendance

- Michelle Bright, Trustee
- Joe Husk, Chair
- Hans Kelson, Secretary
- Lynn Stevens, Board Member
- BTVFD Fire Chief Charley Powers

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Approval of Minutes

Motion to Approve November Minutes: Stevens

Second: Kelson

Approved Unanimously

Old Board Business

2019 Conflict of Interest and Nepotism certificate

- We are required to sign forms each year to declare any potential conflicts of interest and affirm that we have not violated the township's Nepotism policy.
- There were no conflicts, and all forms have been turned in.
- Typically, this would have been done at the December meeting, however, it was canceled.

New Board Business

Election of Officers

- Motion to re-elect the officers in the same way as last year: Stevens
Second: Husk
Approved Unanimously

2020 Meeting Schedule

- We will continue meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P.M., except for the following:
 - The January 8th meeting is moved to January 15th
 - The June 10th meeting is moved to June 17th

Approval

- Motion to Approve 2020 Meeting Schedule: Stevens
Second: Kelson
Approved Unanimously

Introduction of Benton Township Fire Chief Charley Powers

- Chief Powers has taken over for Chief Shaw, and attended our board meeting to introduce himself.
 - Chief Powers has been involved with fire departments since 1993 and is looking forward to his time here.

Fire District Update

- Trustee Bright and Chairman Husk attended the Monroe County Board of Commissioners Work Session on December 11th.
 - The commissioners voted unanimously to support us in joining the fire district.
 - It was also decided that we would only have to meet a 20% threshold of all taxpayers, instead of the minimum of 500.
 - We have 2008 unique landowners in Benton Township, so our target number is approximately 425.
- Trustee Bright and Chairman Husk met with the volunteers on December 16th and gave a presentation about the potential transition to the fire district.
 - Chief Powers emphasizes the need for as much communication with the volunteers as possible
- Baker Tilly and Associates will take approximately 4-6 weeks to complete their analysis. This will be on target with our planned March public meetings.
- Monroe Fire District has been provided with an approximate budget for this year.
- Contacted Baugh Enterprises, got a quote of \$2300 to do a mailer.
- Received a draft of the letter to send out.
- Our public meetings are tentatively scheduled for March 17th, 18th and 19th at 6:30 P.M. This will be formally decided at our January 15th meeting.

Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn: Stevens
Second: Kelson
Meeting adjourned at 7:11