

Benton Township Board Meeting

November 11th, 2020
7616 E State Road 45, Bloomington, IN, 47468

Attendance

- Joe Husk, Chair
- Hans Kelson, Secretary
- Lynn Stevens, Board Member
- Michelle Bright, Township Trustee
- Matt Bright

Meeting called to order at 6:34 PM

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve Minutes from September 16th: Kelson
Second: Stevens
Approved Unanimously

Reports

September Financial Report Correction

- Last month, it was reported that the YTD Expense in the Township Assistance Fund was \$42,164.84. This was a typo, the real figure was \$12,164.84.

Approval

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

October Financial Report

Rainy Day Fund

- YTD Expense: \$0.00
- Budget Remaining: \$215,000.00
- Cash Balance: \$240,729.05

Township Fund

- YTD Expense: \$67,301.86
- Budget Remaining: \$15,698.14
- Cash Balance: \$138,948.54

Township Assistance Fund

- YTD Expense: \$12,527.33
- Budget Remaining: \$47,472.67
- Cash Balance: \$93,082.57

Firefighting Fund

- YTD Expense: \$206,032.58
- Budget Remaining: \$168,167.42
- Cash Balance: \$287,219.08

Cumulative Fire Fund

- YTD Expense: \$366,466.85
- Budget Remaining: \$63,533.15
- Cash Balance: \$112,754.09

Recreation Fund

- YTD Expense: \$7,942.94
- Budget Remaining: \$1,057.06
- Cash Balance: \$5,675.35

Shelter Insurance COVID Fund

This is from money donated by Jenny Burton of Shelter Insurance for COVID-19 relief food boxes.

- YTD Expense: \$489.32
- Cash Balance: \$510.68

Deposits

- Local Income Tax: \$11,440.17
- Trust Indiana: \$66.67

Approval

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

Old Business

Corrected Fire Protection Contract

- Due to a clerical error which was spotted just before final approval by the district board, we need to re-approve and re-sign the Fire Protection Contract with the Monroe Fire District.

Approval

- Motion to Approve Revised Fire Protection Contract: Kelson
Second: Kelson
Approved Unanimously

Trustee's Report

Fire Department

- As planned, we have purchased new extrication tools. We have donated our old ones to the Jackson Township fire department in Brown County. They will have to get them cleaned and recertified, but this is cheaper than buying a new set.

Remodel

- Thank you to the firefighters who moved everything out of the east side of the building in preparation for the remodel, including the compressed air system which is now in the back building.
- Work started as expected on November 2nd, and there have been no surprises so far.

Fire District

- The 2021 Contract with the Monroe Fire District was on the District board agenda for their November meeting.
- Washington Township is currently in their remonstrance period after their final public meeting on October 24th.

Approval

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

October Township Assistance Report

- One application request from someone who never called back.
- The little food pantry outside is doing well, but we still can't open the one in the office due to lack of space for social distancing. We do still carry items such as toilet paper and paper towels, which are not covered by food stamps.
- We were able to donate a large bag of adult diapers to the Area 10 Agency on Aging.
- We haven't had a lot of people asking for food recently. Our theory is that (due to COVID-19) people have discovered other agencies able to help them, and so haven't had to come to us as much.

Approval

- Motion to Approve Township Assistance Reports: Kelson
Second: Stevens
Approved Unanimously

Fire Reports

Corrections Recieved

- August:
 - The month is now shown at the top of the page
 - Volunteer Hours: 107.8
- September:
 - The month is now shown at the top of the page
 - Volunteer Hours: 60

October BTVFD Report

- Runs Dispatched: 20
- Runs Made by BTVFD: 9
- Average number of BTVFD firefighters responding: 1.33
- Volunteer Hours: 67
- The Fire Department held a drive-through trick-or-treat event.

Approval

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

NMFT Reports

- NMFT Only: 6
- BTVFD Only: 0
- Both Units Respond: 10
- Disregarded by Dispatch: 1
- No Data: 3

Approval

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

New Business

2021 Benton Township Fire Department Contract

- No changes (other than updating the dates) from last year.

Approval

- Motion to Approve 2021 BTVFD Contract: Kelson
Second: Stevens
Approved Unanimously

Public Comment

- Matt Bright asked what the procedure would be to modify or terminate the BTVFD contract. It is by 90 days written notice from either party.

Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn: Kelson
Second: Stevens
Meeting adjourned at 6:53