

# Benton Township Board Meeting

December 9th, 2020  
7616 E State Road 45, Bloomington, IN, 47468

## **Attendance**

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

**Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM**

## **Approval of Minutes**

- Motion to approve Minutes from November 11th: Kelson  
Second: Stevens  
Approved Unanimously

## Reports

### October Financial Report

#### Rainy Day Fund

- YTD Expense: \$180.00
- Budget Remaining: \$214,820.00
- Cash Balance: \$240,561.69

#### Township Fund

- YTD Expense: \$71,627.26
- Budget Remaining: \$11,372.74
- Cash Balance: \$140,351.16

#### Township Assistance Fund

- YTD Expense: \$13,251.09
- Budget Remaining: \$46,748.91
- Cash Balance: \$92,365.53

#### Firefighting Fund

- YTD Expense: \$228,981.94
- Budget Remaining: \$145,218.06
- Cash Balance: \$270,022.75

#### Cumulative Fire Fund

- YTD Expense: \$397,476.85
- Budget Remaining: \$32,523.15
- Cash Balance: \$81,750.55

#### Recreation Fund

- YTD Expense: \$8,410.45
- Budget Remaining: \$589.55
- Cash Balance: \$5,208.73

#### 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: \$54.52

**Approval**

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

## **Trustee's Report**

### **Cemeteries**

- We are soliciting quotes to replace the sign that was vandalized earlier in the year.

### **Fire Department**

- The 2021 contract with the fire district has been signed and returned to us.
- The Fire Department remodel is proceeding. Paint colors and floor coverings have been selected, and both floors are framed in. Beds are now on order.
- Fuel Tanks
  - We have a Diesel tank and an Unleaded Gasoline tank near the building which is getting re-modeled. The contractor is concerned about their proximity to the building and especially the electrical service panel, and would like them moved. White River Co-Op said we have around half a tank of Diesel and more than that of Unleaded. Due to state regulations, our only option is to simply spend down the reserves in the tanks before moving them. We can donate the fuel to other local government entities, so the Northern Monroe Fire Territory has been asked to come use some. We have contacted Greg Young, who has equipment which can be used to move the tanks. Board Member Lynn Stevens has agreed to let us temporarily store the tanks on his side of the property line.
  - We are thinking about removing the fuel tanks eventually due to concerns about theft.

### **January Meetings**

- We will hold our organizational meeting at 6:30 PM on January 5th.

### **Approval**

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

## **November Township Assistance Report**

- One request for Electrical assistance. That person never called back.
- One request for assistance from someone who usually receives assistance from SCCAP, but was not provided application information this year. We provided 4 ricks of wood (\$320.00) and are helping them apply with SCCAP.
- The 4-H Hotshots will provide 2 Christmas baskets this year. We are selecting people to get them.

### **Approval**

- Motion to Approve Trustee Report and Township Assistance Report: Stevens  
Second: Kelson  
Approved Unanimously

## **Fire Reports**

### **November BTVFD Report**

- We do not have the BTVFD report for November yet, due to an internet outage at the fire department building. This is caused by the ongoing construction.
- Motion to Table BTVFD Report: Stevens  
Second: Kelson  
Approved Unanimously

### **NMFT Report**

#### **Monthly Report**

- NMFT Only: 5
- BTVFD Only: 0
- Both Units Respond: 4
- Disregarded by Dispatch: 0
- No Data: 2

#### **Yearly Data**

- NMFT Only: 43%
- BTVFD Only: 2%
- Both Units: 54%
- 35% of runs happened between Noon and 6:00 PM.

#### **Approval**

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

## **New Business**

### **Additional Appropriation and Reduction to the Recreation Fund**

- The Trustee, for the first time, covered a charge for the Senior Center. This was to repair the dishwasher.
- This is, in effect, a transfer, but we write it out as an additional appropriation and then a reduction.
- Adds an Additional Appropriation of \$400.00 to the Recreation Fund, detailed by budget line below:
  - Other Services and Charges: \$400.00
- Reduces the appropriated budget of the Recreation Fund by \$400.00, detailed by budget line below:
  - Supplies: \$400.00

### **Approval**

- Motion to Approve Additional Appropriation and Reduction: Kelson  
Second: Stevens  
Approved Unanimously

### **Additional Appropriation to the Rainy Day Fund**

- In case we have more construction expenses than predicted this month, we are adding an additional appropriation to the Rainy Day Fund.
- This will add \$25,000.00 to the Other Services and Charges line in the Rainy Day Fund.

### **Approval**

- Motion to Approve Additional Appropriation to the Rainy Day Fund: Stevens  
Second: Kelson  
Approved Unanimously

## **Public Comment**

- There was no public comment at this meeting.

## **Adjournment**

- Motion to Adjourn: Stevens  
Second: Kelson  
Meeting adjourned at 6:51