

Benton Township Board Meeting

December 15th, 2021
7616 E State Road 45, Bloomington, IN, 47468

Attendance

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

Meeting called to order at 6:41 PM

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to Approve October Minutes: Kelson
Second: Stevens
Approved Unanimously
- Motion to Approve November Minutes: Stevens
Second: Kelson
Approved Unanimously

Corrections

- Trustee Bright misspoke in the November meeting, saying that the Youngs had gathered supporting documentation for the existence of another parcel between ours and theirs. At this meeting, she corrected her earlier statement, saying that the Youngs stated that they would gather supporting documentation, but have not yet done so.

Reports

Financial Report

- The board reviewed Trustee Bright's Financial Report. A summary of that report is attached to this document.
 - Note: The FEMA Grant Fund is listed incorrectly in the summary document. The cash balance as of the end of November was actually -\$141.94. That amount will be charged to the Fire Fund in December.

Approval

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

Trustee's Report

Division of Assets Discussion

- Trustee Bright is meeting with Deckards, Youngs, Stevens, and attorneys to review the new legal descriptions and answer any questions.
- Trustee Bright and Chief Dillard reviewed details of the proposal, discussed some points, and came to an agreement on most.
 - One area that Trustee Bright anticipates causing some concern is the discussion around at what point the Fire Station would no longer revert to the Township, should the district no longer use it to provide fire service. The Fire District would like us to include a provision that after 25 years, they would no longer be obligated to return the property to the Township.
 - This has also been reviewed by our attorney, and we are waiting on a draft deed transfer document before we will continue.
- This process does not have a December 31st deadline.
- The Fire District is making arrangements to transfer utility accounts to them as close to December 31st as possible.
- The Board reviewed other changes to the proposed Fire Apparatus and Real Estate Agreement with the Fire District.

Senior Center

- There are no Senior Center updates at this meeting.

Danny Smith Park

- Danny Smith Park has \$357.66 remaining of the money we allotted them for their projects in 2021. Trustee Bright informed Sara Farmer of this.
- The Danny Smith Park Board met and decided to use this money to replace basketball backboards and purchase a nacho cheese warmer.
- Danny Smith Park was awarded \$17,000 in a community grant for playground equipment.

Fire Department

- Ceiling fans have been installed by Woods Electric.
- A drain has been installed in front of the Fire Station.
- ADA compliance concrete work at the Fire Station will begin on December 27th, weather permitting.

- Trustee Bright heard from the Department of Local Government Finance that as long as we have a cash balance in the Cumulative Fire Fund, we can continue to spend that money next year, even though it is not included in our 2022 budget.
- We have around \$7,000.00 remaining from the FEMA grant. We can spend on a pre-approved list of items. Since our AEDs are about to expire, we will most likely purchase replacements.

Cemeteries

- There are no Cemetery updates at this meeting.

Township

- The Township's Property and Excise Tax distribution came early (on December 9th), and was for slightly more money than Trustee Bright anticipated.

Next Meeting

- Motion to schedule Annual Organizational Meeting on January 3rd at 6:30 P.M: Kelson
Second: Stevens
Approved Unanimously

Approval

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

Township Assistance Report

- Mary McInerney presented her Township Assistance Report. That report is attached to this document.

Approval

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

Fire Reports

- Monroe Fire Protection District provided two reports for us for runs in Benton Township or that Station 24 responded to.
- This month, there were 18 runs from our station, 13 of which were in Benton Township:
 - EMS: 8
 - Fire: 0
 - Hazardous Condition, no fire: 1
 - Good Intent Calls: 1
 - Service Calls: 3

Approval

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

Old Business

- There was no Old Business at this meeting.

New Business

- There was no New Business at this meeting.

Public Comment

- Mary McInerney stated that she had no comment.

Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn: Kelson
Second: Stevens
Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

FINANCIAL REPORT

OCTOBER 2021	2021 Budget	Month to date Expense	Year to date Expense	Remaining Approved Budget	Sept 75%	Cash Balance	Deposits	Local Income Tax	Trust Indiana
Rainy Day Fund	\$ 225,000.00	\$ -	\$ 197,064.13	\$ 27,935.87	87.6%	\$ 28,591.59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.65
Township Fund	\$ 73,000.00	\$ 3,196.83	\$ 52,251.50	\$ 20,748.50	71.6%	\$ 41,199.58	\$ 100.00	\$ 12,557.41	\$ 1.26
Welfare Admin/Direct Asst	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 233.24	\$ 6,048.71	\$ 33,951.29	15.1%	\$ 96,393.77	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4.00
Firefighting Fund	\$ 575,836.00	\$ 33,069.59	\$ 437,279.83	\$ 138,556.17	75.9%	\$ 102,149.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.44
Cumulative Fire Fund	\$ 199,069.00	\$ -	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 34,069.00	82.9%	\$ 34,069.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Recreation Fund	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 680.47	\$ 22,547.61	\$ 12,452.39	64.4%	\$ 25,707.86	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.57
COVID Donation Fund	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	N/A	\$ 510.68	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
COVID Reimbursement Fund	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Township Donation Fund	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 420.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FEMA Grant Fund	N/A	\$ 56,776.85	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-
TOTALS						\$ 329,042.60	\$ 100.00	\$ 12,557.41	\$ 6.92
NOVEMBER 2021									
NOVEMBER 2021	2021 Budget	Month to date Expense	Year to date Expense	Remaining Approved Budget	Sept 75%	Cash Balance	Deposits	Local Income Tax	Trust Indiana
Rainy Day Fund	\$ 225,000.00	\$ -	\$ 197,064.13	\$ 27,935.87	87.6%	\$ 28,592.96	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.72
Township Fund	\$ 73,000.00	\$ 9,193.64	\$ 61,445.14	\$ 11,554.86	84.2%	\$ 44,566.02	\$ -	\$ 12,557.41	\$ 1.41
Welfare Admin/Direct Asst	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 3,120.49	\$ 9,169.20	\$ 30,830.80	22.9%	\$ 93,281.57	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4.29
Firefighting Fund	\$ 575,836.00	\$ 31,689.90	\$ 468,969.73	\$ 106,866.27	81.4%	\$ 70,460.44	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cumulative Fire Fund	\$ 199,069.00	\$ -	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 34,069.00	82.9%	\$ 34,069.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Recreation Fund	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 10,507.62	\$ 33,055.23	\$ 1,944.77	94.4%	\$ 15,201.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.59
COVID Donation Fund	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	N/A	\$ 510.68	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
COVID Reimbursement Fund	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Township Donation Fund	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 194.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FEMA Grant Fund	N/A	\$ 56,776.85	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 56,634.91	\$ 56,634.91	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS						\$ 343,511.53	\$ 56,634.91	\$ 12,557.41	\$ 7.01

Township Assistance Report

November 2021

Benton Township, Monroe County, IN

1. A single female requested help with a propane tank fill, providing heat for the winter. Her usual income was diminished due to a recent death in the household.

This woman was also helped with a covid relief box of food and 3 additional paper bags of food and household products. She shared the food with other family members, one of whom did not own a can-opener and could not open the canned goods provided.

Covid food box, toilet paper (2 rolls), tuna salad mix, paper towels (1 roll), ravioli, noodles, Vienna sausage, yams, tomatoes, toothbrush, laundry detergent, dish soap.

2. A single male requested 3 months rent in order to bring his balance up to date. The local landlord offers rent at a very reasonable rate, under \$400.00 a month. This man was laid off during the pandemic and is now not physically able to return to the labor market.
3. An elderly couple requested assistance with their electrical bill. Their heat source is electric. It was after 4 pm and the nighttime temperature was expected to drop to 29 degrees F. The household has 4 adults, a 1 year old and a 3 year old. Living in the driveway are 2 additional adults. The Township provided them with 2 rooms for 1 night at a local hotel and then brought their electrical bill up to date. Power and heat were reconnected 24 hours later.

This family accepted an offer to be sponsored for the holidays by the 4H Hotshots and provided some gift ideas for the children. The adults requested warm clothing and coats.

Bags (3) of food and toiletries were provided to the family including baby wipes, adult bladder control pads, shampoo, shaving supplies, hair brushes, soap, paper

towels (1), toilet paper (3), laundry detergent, dish soap and bleach cleaning clothes. Canned and boxed non-perishable items were also provided including many canned protein sources and soup.

4. A winter clothes distribution flyer was posted on the Township office doors and on the little food pantry doors. The recent township assistance cases were also informed of the opportunity. The event was 11-6-2021 at the 4th Street and Lincoln Fire Station.

Submitted, in service, Mary McInerney

MM/mbm 12/4/2021