Benton Township Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 10th, 2023

Michelle Bright – Trustee

Jake Dodds – Board Member

Joe Husk – Board Chair

Sean McInerney – Board Member

Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m.

The minutes for April 12th, 2023, was motioned for approval by Jake Dodds. Sean McInerney seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Reports**

Financial Report

See attachment for a copy of the report. Sean McInerney motioned to approve the Financial Report and Jake Dodds seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Trustee Report

Trustee Michelle Bright suggested increasing the Township Assistance Fund for the rest of the year. Mowing bids were put out and one was accepted. The audit was completed April 27th, 2023 and we received a one hundred percent compliance rating. Special thanks for the help with the audit documentation go to Mary McInerney and Pam Mitchell. Danny Smith Park accepted $7,000.00 from the board to replace damaged lights. The annual Chili Supper will be this Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 5:30. The new generator is finished. Sean McInerney motioned to approve the Trustee Report and the motion was seconded by Jake Dodds. The motion was approved unanimously.

Township Assistance

See the attached report. Jake Dodds motioned to approve the Township Assistance Report and Sean McInerney seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Old Board Business**

A township resident has requested burial in one of our closed cemeteries. This request was discussed at length. The board agreed that Benton Township should not entertain burial requests at our four closed cemeteries. (Please refer to previous Board Minutes April May2019 for previous discussion on burials) A lack of past burial documentation and plot information makes the location of past burials uncertain.

**New Board Business**

2023 Rainy Day Additional Appropriation

An additional $10,000 dollars was added to the Rainy Day Fund. Jake Dodds motioned to approve adding $10,000 dollars to the Rainy Day Fund. Sean McInerney seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**2024 Budget Preview**

Trustee Michelle Bright offered 3 or 4 different budget scenarios.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Sean McInerney made a motion to end the meeting and it was seconded by Jake Dodds. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 734 p.m.

The next meeting will be on June 14th, 2023 at 630 p.m.