

Benton Township Board Meeting
7616 E. State Rd 45
Unionville, IN 47468

Agenda

Michelle Bright-Trustee
Joe Husk-Chair
Jake Dodds-Board Member
Sean McInerney-Board Member

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m on October 11th, 2023

September 13th minutes were approved by a motion from Sean McInerney and Jake Dodds seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Financial Report

Michelle noted that we increased the rainy day fund 10000 dollars and that this paid for half the cost of the generator, 6300 dollars. The township fund was increased 7500 and this funded the other half of the cost of the generator, 6300 dollars. There was a 20000 increase in the Township Fund which paid for work at Steppe Cemetery. We raised our Township Assistance Fund 20000 dollars. Recreation Fund was raised 20000 dollars and 7000 went to the cost of lights at Danny Smith Park.

Transfer from Township Fund to Rainy Day Fund of 12750 dollars. Financial Report approved by a motion from Sean McInerney and Jake Dodds seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Trustee Report

The Township will be a vendor at Danny Smith Park. On Saturday, October 28th, 2023 Michelle Bright will pass out information about township services and duties of the Trustee and resources

for food in Monroe County and other help and candy for the kids. About 300 people are expected.

Monroe Fire District has partnered with Centerstone and Overdose Prevention to install Nalax boxes in Monroe Fire Stations. Benton Fire Station has installed a Nalox box at their station. On October 1st a complaint was filed by an individual on the DNR website. DNR advised to contact DNR law enforcement. Mary McInerney thanked the complaint for reporting..The Stepp Cemetery Committee, Ashley and Susan met with Michelle Bright to discuss Baby Lester. Is Baby Lester real or Folklore?

Halloween event at Fire Station from 530 to 830 with treats and Smokey the Bear. Volunteers needed. Sean motioned to approve the Trustees Report and Jake seconded the motion carried.

Township Assistance Report

See Attachment

Sean McInerney motioned to approve the Assistance Report and Jake Dodds seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Old Board Business

2024 Budget

2 documents. Budget Approval. Michelle Bright is requesting approval for 80000 for Township Fund, Township Assistance 30000 and Recreation Fund 5000 for a total of 115000 dollars. The second document is Township Salaries. No changes to salaries, Joe Husk noted the documents were in the wrong order. Joe Husk asked for a motion to reorder documents. Sean McInerney made a motion and Jake Dodds seconded the motion. Michelle Bright presented the Board with salary comparisons of Townships for the last three years that the Board requested. The second document was a part time position. Michelle Bright and Mary McInerney compiled a four page job description for the part time position. Michelle Bright noted it was nice to have a person in the office to greet residents. Joe Husk asked for a motion to approve the 2024 Budget and Jake Dodds seconded and the motion carried. The second part was for salaries of Trustee 15750 Trustee salary, Board Members 944 per year, and part time workers to 17.21 per hour .DeputyTrustee 50.00 dollars per day. Joe Husk asked for a motion to approve 2024 Salaries and Sean McInerney made a motion and Joe Husk seconded the motion and the motion carried.Sean McInerney abstained.

No Public Comment

Sean McInerney motioned to end the meeting and Jake Dodds seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Meeting ended at 6: 57 p.m.