

# Benton Township Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 13th,2023

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: 7616 E State Rd 45, Unionville, IN 47468

## Attendance:

Michelle Bright-Trustee

Jake Dodds-Board Member

Joe Husk-Chair

Sean McInerney-Secretary

Call to Order at 6:31 p.m.

Sean McInerney made a motion to approve the July minutes and Jake Dodds seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

## Reports

**Financial Report.** See Attachment. Sean McInerney made a motion to approve the report and Jake Dodds seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Trustee Report** The Senior Center contract was approved. Michelle's mother has volunteered to clean the Senior Center each month. The work on the Danny Smith Park lights has been completed. Pictures of the completed work will be sent to the Board. Property Deeds have been signed by the Fire Department. The next meeting will be October 11th which will be the adoption of the Budget. Sean made a motion to adopt the Trustee Report and Jake seconded the motion. 2024 LIT estimate will be 25,395. The final LIT figure will be released in November,2023. Fleener cemetery repair consisted of one portion of a stone which was fixed by Mary McInerney and another stone fell over and the mower person put it back up. He thought it might have been knocked down by turkeys. The annual growth quotient is usually between one and five percent. This year it will be four percent. The 2023 Monroe Humane Association Vaccination Mobile Clinic saw 28 pets at the Fire Department.

The next Township Board meeting is October 11th,2023.

Sean motioned to approve the Trustee Report. Jake Dodds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Township Assistance Report** See Attachment. Sean motioned to approve Township Assistance Report and Jake seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Old Board Business**

None

**New Board Business**

2024 Budget public hearing

Debt Worksheet - We have no debt. The 2024 proposed budget is 80,000 for the general fund, Township Assistance is 30,000 and the Recreation Fund is 5,000 for a total proposed budget of 115,000 for 2024 if approved. The estimated maximum tax levy is 36633 with Township Assistance 27,474 and Recreation Fund at 9,168 for a total of 36,633.

Board and Trustee salaries will stay the same, Michelle proposes a 3 percent increase for the clerical position.

We will adopt the Budget at this location on October 11th, 2023.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Adjournment**

Sean motioned to end the meeting and Jake seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, October 11th,2023.