

Benton Township Board Meeting

December 7th, 2022
7616 E State Road 45, Bloomington, IN, 47468

Attendance

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

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to Approve October 12th and November 9th Minutes : Stevens
Second: Kelson
Approved Unanimously

Reports

Financial Report

- The board reviewed Trustee Bright's Financial Report. A summary of that report is attached to this document.
 - There was a typo in the financial summary. Income from our Trust Indiana account was actually \$546.98. All other figures in the attached summary are correct.
 - Trust Indiana interest income for November was as follows:
 - * General Fund: \$192.44
 - * Township Assistance: \$259.66
 - * Cumulative Fire Fund: \$0.34
 - * Recreation Fund: \$34.54
 - * Rainy Day Fund: \$60

Approval

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

Trustee's Report

- Trustee Bright presented her Trustee's Report.

Township

- Trustee Bright passed out copies of the October detailed financial packet, which was missing from the last meeting's packet.

Senior Center

- There are no Senior Center updates at this time.

Danny Smith Park

- There are no Danny Smith Park updates at this time.

Cemeteries

- There are no Cemetary updates at this time.

Fire Department

- There are no Fire Department updates at this time.

Next Meeting

- The Township Board's annual organizational meeting (to elect officers and set next year's meeting schedule) will be held on January 2nd, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

Approval

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

Township Assistance Report

- Mary McInerney submitted her Township Assistance Report for November. A copy of that report is attached to this document.

Approval

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

Old Business

- There was no Old Business at this meeting.

New Business

Transfer of Appropriations from Township General Fund to Township Assistance Fund

- The Board reviewed a resolution to transfer \$5,000 from the Township General Fund to the Township Assistance Fund.
- This does not increase our overall budget, but will give Trustee Bright more room to work with Township Assistance cases in December.
- A copy of the resolution is attached to this document.
- Motion to Approve Transfer of Funds: Stevens
Second: Kelson
Approved Unanimously

Ratification of 2023 Township Salaries

- The Board reviewed a revised version of the 2023 Township Salary Resolution. The only change made from the version approved in October is to correct the year from 2022 to 2023.
- Motion to Approve revised Township Salary Resolution: Stevens
Second: Kelson
Approved Unanimously

Final Board Meeting Comments

- Trustee Bright thanks Board Member Kelson for his term of service to the Township Board, specifically in terms of writing all meeting minutes during his four year term, in case this is his last meeting (election results pending recount).
- Board Member Kelson thanks all involved with the township for allowing him to serve this term. He is proud of having been able to accomplish his one goal on the Board.

- Board Member Husk thanks Board Member Kelson for running, being elected, and serving on the Board.
- Trustee Bright presented Lynn Stevens with a Lifetime Service Award for his many years of service, devotion, and commitment to the Township.

Public Comment

- There was no public comment at this meeting.

Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn: Kelson
Second: Stevens
Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.

FINANCIAL REPORT

OCTOBER 2022										
	2022 Budget	Month to date Expense	Year to date Expense	Remaining Approved Budget	Cash Balance	Deposits	Local Income Tax	Trust Indiana		
Rainy Day Fund	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 19,215.00	\$ 785.00	\$ 56,771.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36.38
Township Fund	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 2,940.36	\$ 38,433.93	\$ 24,566.07	\$ 258,648.16	\$ -	\$ 11,642.33	\$ 70.12	\$ -	\$ 70.12
Welfare Admin/Direct Asst	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 850.45	\$ 10,971.80	\$ 9,028.20	\$ 86,205.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 217.07
Firefighting Fund	\$ 80,794.00	\$ -	\$ 80,557.73	\$ 236.27	\$ 286.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cumulative Fire Fund	\$ 2,800.00	\$ -	\$ 2,800.00	\$ -	\$ 30.23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.68
Recreation Fund	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 644.79	\$ 2,736.44	\$ 4,463.56	\$ 16,182.47	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28.89
COVID Donation Fund	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ 510.68	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
COVID Reimbursement Fund	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Township Donation Fund	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 194.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FEMA Grant Fund	N/A	\$ -	\$ 7,261.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS					\$ 418,829.79	\$ -	\$ 11,642.33	\$ 353.14		

NOVEMBER 2022										
	2022 Budget	Month to date Expense	Year to date Expense	Remaining Approved Budget	Cash Balance	Deposits	Local Income Tax	Trust Indiana		
Rainy Day Fund	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 19,215.00	\$ 785.00	\$ 57,148.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36.38
Township Fund	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 3,914.62	\$ 42,348.88	\$ 20,651.12	\$ 266,568.31	\$ -	\$ 11,642.33	\$ 70.12	\$ -	\$ 70.12
Welfare Admin/Direct Asst	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 2,299.46	\$ 13,271.26	\$ 6,728.74	\$ 84,165.95	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 217.07
Firefighting Fund	\$ 80,794.00	\$ -	\$ 80,557.73	\$ 236.27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cumulative Fire Fund	\$ 2,800.00	\$ -	\$ 2,800.00	\$ -	\$ 0.34	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.68
Recreation Fund	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 2,373.49	\$ 5,109.93	\$ 2,090.07	\$ 13,843.52	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28.89
COVID Donation Fund	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ 510.68	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
COVID Reimbursement Fund	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Township Donation Fund	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 194.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FEMA Grant Fund	N/A	\$ -	\$ 7,261.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS					\$ 422,431.53	\$ -	\$ 11,642.33	\$ 353.14		

Township Assistance Report

November 2022

Benton Township, Monroe County, IN

1. A gentleman called with an offer of fire wood for a resident in need. He has donated wood in past years as well. This year he would like to receive an income tax credit and he requested that the Township pay for the pickup and delivery of the fire wood. It was suggested that he contact SCCAP, the South-Central Community Action Program. SCCAP provides vouchers to those in need for fire wood.
2. A resident reached out to our office regarding another resident in need. We explained what Township Assistance is, and that we would be happy to meet with both him and the resident of concern, but in keeping with the right to privacy, we cannot share further information about any assistance case.
3. We reached out to 15 households from our 2022 Township Assistance applications and asked if they would be interested in receiving help for Thanksgiving and the December holiday season. 9 families said that they would like to accept help. 2 families said they were back on their feet and did not need the help but appreciated the offer. 2 families no longer had working telephone numbers and 2 families did not respond. The families being helped consist of 20 adults and 5 children.

8 families received Thanksgiving boxes of food. 9 families will receive both food and gifts in December. These items are being provided for by Cub Scout Troop 133. This Unionville Elementary School troop will be disbanding in the new year of 2023. The Unionville Hotshots 4-H Club may also help with the December distribution. A large family with 5 children all under 8 years old was referred to the December 10, 2022, shop with a fire-fighter program.

4. A returning applicant asked for help applying for food stamps. A second on-line application was filled out. The client was contacted by our office multiple times with instructions for in initial telephone appointment with FSSA (Family Social Services Administration). At this time, we do not know if this appointment was kept.
5. A couple living in a local apartment requested help with rent due to recent unemployment and illness. We were able to provide this. By providing this aide, the tenants were allowed to begin another annual lease.
6. A senior citizen was hospitalized in the Spring and forgot to get his propane tank filled at that time, taking advantage of the cheaper fuel pricing. He requested help paying for propane for heat. At the time he only had a wood burning stove and was unable to prepare the wood needed due to lingering symptoms. We provided a tank fill-up. Without any unusual circumstances, this propane should last for 12 months.

RESOLUTION _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF
BENTON TOWNSHIP, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA TO TRANSFER FUNDS**

The Township Board of Benton Township, Monroe County, Indiana (the “Board”) met at a duly called and authorized meeting of the Board on the date set forth below, such meeting being called pursuant to notice stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting received by all Board Members and published according to statute, and the following resolutions were made, seconded and adopted by those present at the meeting, which constitute a majority of the Board.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Ind. Code 6-1.1-18-6 the Township may transfer money from one major budget classification to another; and,

WHEREAS, the Township has nearly exhausted funds in its Township Assistance fund and wishes to have adequate resources at hand to cover any end of year Township Assistance applications, and,

WHEREAS, the Township has adequate funds appropriated for 2022 by the Board in its General Operating Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the Township estimates that Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) is an appropriate amount to support the Township Assistance needs of the Township through the end of 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the Township finds that the transfer is necessary and does not require the expenditure of more money than the total amount set out in the approved 2022 Budget.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Trustee be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered to transfer the amounts identified here from the Township General Operating Fund into the Township Assistance Fund.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2022.

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ATTEST:

Michelle Bright, Benton Township Trustee