

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

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

November 8th,2023

The Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. The October 11th,2023 minutes were approved by a motion from Sean McInerney and the motion was seconded by Jake Dodds and the motion was carried.

Financial Report See Attachment. The Financial Report was approved by a motion from Sean McInerney and the motion was seconded by Jake Dodds and the motion was carried.

Trustee Report On October 28th,2023, Michelle Bright and Mary McInerney passed out literature at Danny Smith Park on duties of the Trustee. Three hundred people were expected but there were not that many. A family who has a great, great grandfather at Stepp Cemetery would like to purchase head stone for all three family members. There will be no December meeting and the Board and Trustee Bright will meet on January 2nd, 2023 for a special meeting. Thanks to the Firefighters who hosted the Halloween event and Smoky Bear. Duke Energy offered to donate 100 flashlights. We had 55 families and 120 children. For the first time, we asked for donations for printer costs and we received 81 dollars. Trustee Bright offered to split this money with the Monroe Fire Protection District.. They said no thanks.The Trustee Report was passed by a motion by Sean McInerney and it was seconded by Jake Dodds and the motion carried.

Township Assistance Report One family received a new furnace and smoke detectors and insulation from the weatherization program. The work was completed in October. Mary McInerney attended the Utilities assistance roundtable .Michelle Bright received an email from the Monroe County Commissioners who have 400,000 in funds for rural homes.The Trustee will vet the applications. There will be up to 20000 for each home and the projects include window, roof repair,HVAC and plumbing. Other projects will be considered.You must own your home to qualify for the program. A press release will be issued. The Township Assistance Report was approved by a motion by Sean McInerney and the motion was seconded by Jake Dodds and the motion carried.

Old Board Business LIT comparison.Bean Blossom will increase 6.74 percent. Benton will decrease 51.46 and Bloomington will decrease 9.99. Clear Creek will increase 3.37 and

Indian Creek will increase 2.24, Perry will increase 3.19, Polk increase 3.19, , Salt Creek increase 3.30, Richland Increase 7.31, Van Buren decreases 13.09, Washington decreases 39.72.

New Board Business

1600 for Burial Assistance. Columbus charges 850.00 dollars for a Cremation. A resolution was presented to transfer 1000 from the Other Direct Poor Relief Fund to the Medical, Hospital, and Burial Fund.. Sean McInerney made the motion and Jake Dodds seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Uniform Conflict of Interest 2 Documents. Uniform conflict of interest disclosure statement. The Nepotism in Contracting and Employment Certifications were completed by the Board and Trustee. These documents are a state requirement and we are audited about these documents.

No Public Comment

Chairman Husk made a motion to end the meeting. Sean McInerney seconded the motion and the meeting ended at 656 p.m. The next meeting, a special meeting, will be January 2nd, 2024.