

Benton Township Board
Unionville Senior Center
7616 East State Road 45 Unionville, IN 47468

Meeting Minutes for March 12, 2025

Attendees:

Michelle Bright - Benton Township Trustee

Joe Husk - Board Chair

Jake Dodds - Board Secretary

Sean McInerney - Board Member

This meeting had no public attendance.

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the meeting notes from February 12th, 2025 was made (McInerney) and seconded (Dodds). Motion was approved unanimously.

Financial Report

The board received copies and Trustee Bright read aloud for review, the Financial Reports for February 2025. (A summary of these reports is attached to this document.)

The board had no questions regarding the Financial Reports. A Motion was made to approve the financial reports (McInerney) and seconded (Dodds). The motion was approved unanimously.

Trustee's Report

The Trustee's Report for February 2025 was read aloud by Trustee Bright. A brief summary is listed below.

TOWNSHIP

- A Local funeral home called regarding a burial in Hacker Cemetery. This person was referred to the Washington Township Trustee.
- Trustee Bright met with the DLGF representative as a routine touch-base for the 2026 budget year.
- Trustee Bright expressed some concerns in the uncertainty surrounding an Indiana State Bill (SB-1) that could affect our ability to collect property taxes in future years affecting our ability to fund or consider larger capital projects such as working with Danny Smith Park. The Board would still like to hear from Danny

Smith Park this year to consider any needs they might have and set a clear guideline of projects they might be willing to help with.

SENIOR CENTER

- No current updates regarding the Senior Center.

DANNY SMITH PARK

- No current updates regarding Danny Smith Park.

CEMETERIES

No current updates regarding township cemeteries.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- No current updates regarding the fire department.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday April 9th, 2025 at the Unionville Senior Center located at 7616 East State Road 45 Unionville, IN 47468 at 6:30pm EST.

The board had no questions regarding the Trustees' Report. A motion was made to approve the Trustees' report (McInerney) and seconded (Dodds). The motion was passed unanimously.

Township Assistance Report

The board received copies of and Trustee Bright read aloud for review, the Township Assistance Report for February 2025. (A summary of these reports is attached to this document.)

The board had no questions regarding the Township Assistance Reports. A motion was made to approve the Township Assistance reports (McInerney) and seconded (Dodds). The motion was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- **2025 Township Assistance Guidelines**

- Trustee Bright walked the board through current updates to the 2025 Benton Township Assistance Guidelines.
- Trustee Bright brought to the board's attention that most townships do not cover security deposits when working with utilities on residents' behalf however the State does allow for this. The board felt this decision was best left up to the discretion of the Trustee. The text in the guidelines was changed to reflect this decision.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting (McInerney) and seconded (Dodds). The motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm

FINANCIAL REPORT

JANUARY 2025	2024 Budget	Month to date Expense	Year to date Expense	Remaining Approved Budget	Cash Balance	Deposits	Local Income Tax	Trust Indiana
Rainy Day Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	86,995.49	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 276.54
Township Fund	\$ 55,000.00	2,811.57	\$ 2,811.57	\$ 52,188.43	307,435.43	\$ -	\$ 1,491.25	\$ 1,113.04
Welfare Admin/Direct Asst	\$ 25,000.00	853.60	\$ 853.60	\$ 24,146.40	101,941.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 287.77
Recreation Fund	\$ 5,000.00	804.49	\$ 804.49	\$ 4,195.51	11,376.78	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20.47
COVID Donation Fund	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ 450.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Township Donation Fund	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ 114.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Volunteer Fire Dept Donation Fund	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ 3,378.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS					\$ 511,693.33	\$ -	\$ 1,491.25	\$ 1,697.82

FEBRUARY 2025	2024 Budget	Month to date Expense	Year to date Expense	Remaining Approved Budget	Cash Balance	Deposits	Local Income Tax	Trust Indiana
Rainy Day Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	87,243.43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 247.94
Township Fund	\$ 55,000.00	1,921.18	\$ 4,732.75	\$ 50,267.25	308,003.57	\$ -	\$ 1,491.25	\$ 998.07
Welfare Admin/Direct Asst	\$ 25,000.00	1,170.00	\$ 2,023.60	\$ 22,976.40	101,029.88	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 258.01
Recreation Fund	\$ 5,000.00	375.34	\$ 1,179.83	\$ 3,820.17	11,019.77	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18.33
COVID Donation Fund	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ 450.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Township Donation Fund	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ 114.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Volunteer Fire Dept Donation Fund	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ 3,378.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS					\$ 511,240.41	\$ -	\$ 1,491.25	\$ 1,522.35

2025 Additional Appropriations

If Brock Cemetery work is done this year this will need to be done

2025 Transfer to Rainy Day (10% of Jan 1 budget)

None to date

February 2025 Township Assistance Report

02/05/2025 - Met with client (#5) to sign PO for assistance (1 month rent).

2/25/2025 - Received online request for information about Township Assistance (ME, #7). Sent information about what Township Assistance does and have not heard back.