

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

**Meeting Minutes for February 11, 2026**

**Attendees:**

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

This meeting was broadcast live on the Benton Township Youtube page.

**Meeting called to order at 6:32pm**

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 14th, 2026 Benton Township Board meeting was made (McInerney) and seconded (Dodds). A roll call vote was held and the results were as follows. Dodds - Aye, McInerney - Aye, Husk - Aye. The Motion was approved unanimously.

**Financial Report**

The board received copies and Trustee Bright read aloud for review, the Financial Reports for January 2026. (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 report (McInerney) and seconded (Dodds). A roll call vote was held and the results were as follows. Dodds - Aye, McInerney - Aye, Husk - Aye. The Motion was approved unanimously.

**Trustee's Report**

Trustee Bright read aloud for review, the Trustee's Report for January of 2026.

- Regarding the North Tunnel Road property the John Bethel Title Company was unable to complete the work before this meeting. Trustee Bright will follow up near the end of February. Trustee Bright also reached out to MCCSC, but did not receive a return call.

- Trustee Bright reached out to Monroe Fire Protection District Chief Dillard to inquire about the status of the equipment that Benton Township had funded. Chief Dillard stated due to year end activities this project was slated to begin at the beginning of this year. The District has solicited new quotes and is waiting on information.
- Danny Smith Park has not submitted any receipts for reimbursement for work done at the park last year. Historically the park is invited in early spring to discuss the park and its potential needs.
- The next meeting will be Wednesday March 11, 2026 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). A roll call vote was held and the results were as follows. Dodds - Aye, McInerney - Aye, Husk - Aye. The Motion was approved unanimously.

### **Township Assistance Report**

The board received copies and Trustee Bright read aloud for review, the Township Assistance Report for January of 2026. (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). A roll call vote was held and the results were as follows. Dodds - Aye, McInerney - Aye, Husk - Aye. The Motion was approved unanimously.

### **Old Board Business**

- **Township Consolidation Discussion**  
HB1315 and SB270 passed their respective houses. Trustee Bright discussed with the board both bills and what their final passage might mean for Benton Township. Both bills are still moving through the legislative process and are not final.

Voluntary consolidation could include consolidating with a neighboring township while the possibility of a forced consolidation led by the county could also take place. The board hopes to know more for the next meeting.

## **New Board Business**

- **Annual Report**

Trustee Bright provided the board copies of and reviewed with the board the annual report.

The board had no questions regarding the Annual Report. A motion was made to approve the Annual Report (McInerney) and seconded (Dodds). A roll call vote was held and the results were as follows. Dodds - Aye, McInerney - Aye, Husk - Aye. The Motion was approved unanimously.

## **Public Comment**

There was no public comment at this meeting.

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting (McInerney) and seconded (Dodds). A roll call vote was held and the results were as follows. Dodds - Aye, McInerney - Aye, Husk - Aye. The Motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

DECEMBER 2025	2025 Budget	Month to date Expense	Year to date Expense	Remaining Approved Budget	Cash Balance	Deposits	Local Income	Trust	Property Tax	CVET	License Excise
							Tax	Indiana			
Rainy Day Fund	\$ 88,500.00	\$ -	\$ 46,394.74	\$ 42,105.26	43,160.04	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 220.91	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Township Fund	\$ 245,000.00	9,399.05	244,860.38	\$ 139.62	105,801.95	\$ -	\$ 1,491.25	\$ 848.33	\$ 3,245.60	\$ 223.25	\$ 196.81
Welfare Admin/Direct Asst	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 6.36	9,533.31	\$ 15,466.69	123,186.34	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 278.04	\$ 9,907.62	\$ 681.50	\$ 600.80
Recreation Fund	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	4,299.29	\$ 700.71	13,198.76	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19.81	\$ 1,879.03	\$ 129.25	\$ 113.95
COVID Donation Fund	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ 450.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
Township Donation Fund	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
Volunteer Fire Dept Donation Fund	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ 3,378.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
<b>TOTALS</b>					<b>\$ 289,176.01</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,491.25</b>	<b>\$ 1,367.09</b>	<b>\$ 15,032.25</b>	<b>\$ 1,034.00</b>	<b>\$ 911.56</b>

JANUARY 2026	2026 Budget	Month to date Expense	Year to date Expense	Remaining Approved Budget	Cash Balance	Deposits	Local Income	Trust			
							Tax	Indiana			
Township Roads and Infrastructure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
Rainy Day Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	43,254.85	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 94.81			
Township Fund	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 3,312.89	\$ 3,312.89	\$ 111,687.11	105,679.40	\$ -	\$ 1,382.83	\$ 339.32			
Welfare Admin/Direct Asst	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 324.40	\$ 324.40	\$ 19,675.60	122,813.43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00			
Recreation Fund	\$ 6,500.00	344.82	344.82	\$ 6,155.18	13,149.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17.73			
COVID Donation Fund	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ 450.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
Township Donation Fund	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
Volunteer Fire Dept Donation Fund	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ 3,378.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
<b>TOTALS</b>					<b>\$ 288,726.52</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,382.83</b>	<b>\$ 701.86</b>			

**2026 Additional Appropriations**

None to date

**2026 Transfer to Rainy Day (10% of Jan 1 budget)**

None to date

## **January 2026 Township Assistance Report**

01/16/2026 - Received a call from asking for help with gas bill stating they completed an application. (HH, #1 Application)

01/27/2026 - Received a call from someone who lives in Needmore. Referred to the Jackson Township Trustee in Brown County (JF, #2 Request-Non-Benton)