

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

Meeting Minutes for June 10 , 2026

Attendees:

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

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

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 13th, 2026 Benton Township Board meeting was made (McInerney) and seconded (Dodds). A roll call vote was held and the results were as follows. Dodds - Yes, Husk - Yes, McInerney - Yes. The Motion was approved unanimously.

Financial Report

The board received copies and Trustee Bright read aloud for review, the Financial Report for May 2026. (A summary of these reports is attached to this document.)

The board had no questions regarding the Financial Report. 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 - Yes, Husk - Yes, McInerney - Yes. The Motion was approved unanimously.

Trustee's Report

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

- Trustee Bright received training on how to edit our new website, but has not yet had a chance to work on the site
- A bid from Bounds Flooring has been accepted to replace the flooring in the Senior Center. The new flooring is being chosen and expected to be completed

this summer. A bid from Cassidy Electric has also been accepted for replacement of lighting in the Senior Center and Township office.

- Work has been completed to repair the water damage from this winter ice dam. However during this work it was discovered that water was entering the building from the front door during heavy rain periods. Thrasher landscaping will be installing a small drain to prevent any further water in the building. This work is also expected to be completed this summer.
- Trustee Bright has reached out to the Monroe County Auditors office about getting the information on the North Tunnel Road parcel updated. There are no further updates on the property for now.
- New Deputy Trustee Gretchen Hall served for a week in May while Trustee Bright was out of the township. Trustee Bright reported she did a great job and is excited about ongoing training and service.
- A plaque was presented to Trustee Bright and Benton Township from the Monroe County Fire District for the cardiac monitors that were purchased.
- Regarding the CPR devices that are to be funded by Benton Township, The Monroe Fire District continues to evaluate options and is in the process of scheduling clinical trials to try out the 2 leading units. This trial will provide real life data, with a hope to choose a unit for purchase by the end of August.
- Trustee Bright for the second time has requested an update of projects granted for the 2025-2026 grant year, but has not received a response.
 - Chair Husk asked about dates on the request for information from Danny Smith Park. Trustee Bright reached out to Danny Smith Park on April 8th and again on June 4th.
- Trustee Bright began the abatement process for the vegetation complete on E. State Road 45. Two letters sent by both certified and regular mail, the homeowner was informed of township policy regarding vegetation. Portions of the yard had been mowed by other parties but with the assistance of the Monroe County Sheriff's Department the township abated the remaining areas of violation. The homeowner will be given the chance to reimburse the township otherwise these fees will be added to their fall property tax bill.
- The scheduled meeting for Wednesday July 8th was cancelled due to lack of board business.
- The next meeting will be Wednesday August 12, 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' and Township Assistance reports (McInerney) and seconded (Dodds). A roll call vote was held and the results were as follows. Dodds - Yes, Husk - Yes, McInerney - Yes. The Motion was approved unanimously.

Township Assistance Report

The board received copies of and Trustee Bright read aloud for review, the Township Assistance Report for May 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 - Yes, Husk - Yes, McInerney - Yes. The Motion was approved unanimously.

Old Board Business

- **2026 Benton Township Policies**

The board received the 2026 policies in May to review. The policies were largely unchanged from 2025. The Policies include Nepotism in contracting, Nepotism in employment, Travel policy, Electronic meetings policy, Internal Controls policy and the credit card policy.

- The Trustee updated the credit card policy to reflect The Trustee or Chair Husk when serving as Chair or Deputy Trustee and any other person appointed by the Trustee to Deputy Trustee.

A motion was made to approve the 2026 Benton Township policies in mass (McInerney) and seconded (Dodds). A roll call vote was held and the results were as follows. Dodds - Yes, Husk - Yes, McInerney - Yes. The Motion was approved unanimously.

- **2026 Benton Township Vegetation Policy**

Trustee Bright submitted a few changes for the vegetation policy, the board discussed these changes again at length. Trustee Bright expressed concerns about elderly residents who might not be able to manage their lawn for financial or health reasons. The board felt that with the new changes it was best to pass the new vegetation policy while still considering future changes to the policy.

New Board Business

There was no new board business for this meeting.

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 - Yes, Husk - Yes, McInerney - Yes. The Motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm.

FINANCIAL REPORT

APRIL 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	\$ -	\$ 24,986.00	24,986.00	\$ (24,986.00)	\$ 18,540.96	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 92.05
Township Fund	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 2,234.43	16,018.75	\$ 98,981.25	\$ 98,357.01	\$ 236.00	\$ 1,382.83	\$ 329.46
Welfare Admin/Direct Asst	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 324.40	\$ 19,675.60	\$ 123,531.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 242.74
Recreation Fund	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 170.80	1,751.12	\$ 4,748.88	\$ 11,794.59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17.28
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
				TOTALS	\$ 256,052.48	\$ 236.00	\$ 1,382.83	\$ 681.53

MAY 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	\$ 40,000.00		24,986.00	\$ 15,014.00	18,635.71	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 94.75
Township Fund	\$ 115,000.00	3,890.61	19,909.36	\$ 95,090.64	98,970.90	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,382.83	\$ 285.67
Welfare Admin/Direct Asst	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 324.40	\$ 19,675.60	123,780.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 249.79
Recreation Fund	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 54.90	1,806.02	\$ 4,693.98	11,757.35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17.66
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
				TOTALS	\$ 256,973.67	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,382.83	\$ 647.87

2026 Additional Appropriations

\$40,000 Rainy Day for Danny Smith Park projects

*\$2,811.00 deposited 05/29
has not cleared the bank

MAY TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE REPORT
(For June 2026 Board Meeting)

A former client from 2023 called stating that a pledge to Duke Energy for \$716 was not posted to a client's account. After some research, the client was advised that the amount pledged was for \$182 which did clear the bank and to contact us with any questions.

A county employee from the Monroe County Solid Waste district has contacted us on behalf of an ongoing client for an application for dumpster rental for a property that has some legal ongoing sanctions. Information was given on how to apply for assistance, as well as information that will be followed up on from their last application.

5/18/2026 - An Area 10 Agency on Aging Case Manager contacted us about a man living on Mt. Gilead road needing assistance. They were directed on how to apply for assistance.

5/23/2026 - Our Ring camera documented a male getting an application out of the mailbox. No request for an appointment has been made by anyone.