

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

Meeting Minutes for September 9, 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 6:32pm

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 12th, 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 for August of 2026 and Trustee Bright read aloud for review, the Financial Report for August 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 - Yes, Husk - Yes, McInerney - Yes. The Motion was approved unanimously.

Trustee's Report

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

- Trustee Bright followed up with our surveyor on the N. Tunnel Rd. property. The work has not started yet.
- Trustee Bright attended a meeting in Morgan County in regards to township consolidation.

- The budget workshop for our 2027 budget went well with no issues or concerns and the audit has been posted to the SBOA website.
- A quote was received to paint the walls and ceiling in the Unionville Senior Center. Work is expected to start in October.
- There were no updates for Danny Smith Park or for Benton Township cemeteries.
- The next meeting will be Wednesday October 14, 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 - 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 August 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 - Yes, Husk - Yes, McInerney - Yes. The Motion was approved unanimously.

Old Board Business

There was no old business for this meeting.

New Board Business

- **Capital Improvement Plan**

The Trustee provided a report on our Capital Improvement Plan. Benton Township's accounts in question do not meet the threshold to require a capital improvement plan. A resolution was presented to adopt a capital improvement plan as required by HEA 1177-2019.

A motion was made to approve the Capital Improvement Plan (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.

- **2027 Budget Public Hearing**

A public hearing for the 2027 Budget was held.

Trustee Bright presented a review of the 2027 budget proposal. The board had received the proposed budget in advance and had no questions regarding the 2027 proposed budget.

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 6:51pm.

FINANCIAL REPORT

JULY 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	18,823.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95.49
Township Fund	\$ 115,000.00	10,254.03	43,038.74	\$ 71,961.26	85,291.66	\$ 25.32	\$ 1,382.83	\$ 279.91
Welfare Admin/Direct Asst	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 952.98	\$ 1,277.38	\$ 18,722.62	139,121.28	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 251.85
Recreation Fund	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 143.77	2,313.94	\$ 4,186.06	14,201.17	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17.93
COVID Donation Fund	N/A	\$ 35.56	\$ -	N/A	414.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Township Donation Fund	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Volunteer Fire Dept Donation Fund	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ 3,378.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
				TOTALS	\$ 261,231.31	\$ 25.32	\$ 1,382.83	\$ 645.18

AUGUST 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	18,920.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 97.08
Township Fund	\$ 75,000.00	2,348.39	45,387.13	\$ 29,612.87	84,610.70	\$ -	\$ 1,382.83	\$ 284.60
Welfare Admin/Direct Asst	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,277.38	\$ 18,722.62	139,377.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 256.04
Recreation Fund	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 110.78	2,424.72	\$ 4,075.28	14,108.63	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18.24
COVID Donation Fund	N/A	\$ -	\$ 35.56	N/A	414.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Township Donation Fund	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Volunteer Fire Dept Donation Fund	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	N/A	\$ 3,378.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
				TOTALS	\$ 260,810.93	\$ -	\$ 1,382.83	\$ 655.96

2026 Additional Appropriations
\$40,000 Rainy Day for Danny Smith Park projects

2026 Additional Appropriations
\$40,000 Township General

AUGUST TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE REPORT

08/03/2026 – Two separate requests for more information were received by FindHelp.org. Sent email directing folks on next steps (determining residency, how to apply for assistance, etc.) (#14, unknown township; #15, unknown township)

08/10/2026 – A request for more information were received by FindHelp.org. Sent email directing folks on next steps (determining residency, how to apply for assistance, etc.) (#16, unknown township)

08/10/2026 - Someone called the township line asking if we provide financial assistance for pet cremation. The address did not sound like it was in Benton Township, and I was not able to determine which township they belonged to (Bloomington, Indiana?). I advised them to call 2-1-1 to determine the correct township (#17, unknown township).

08/22/2026 – Online request for assistance. Sent email directing person on next steps (gathering documentation, setting up an interview). This person said they were having trouble getting their bank statements as well as a written lease (#18, township resident).

8/31 - A man called about assisting with delinquent taxes. They were instructed on how to apply for assistance. I believe they stopped by to pick up an application but no further information has been received (#19, township resident).

8/31 – A couple called seeking assistance with finding a new place to live as well as assistance with deposits with utilities. I told them that once they found a new place to live to let me know and I could direct them to the correct township trustee's office (#20, township resident)