

Bennington Township
February 2, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

The Bennington Township regular board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Cody Baker on February 2, 2026, 7:00pm, at the Township Hall.

Present: Jim Forsythe, Maria Carlin, Cody Baker, Larry Johnson, Donna Ash.

Forsythe moved to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Johnson. Motion carried.

Forsythe moved to approve the minutes for the January 5, 2026 regular board meeting as printed. Second by Johnson. Motion carried.

Forsythe moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Second by Johnson. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Forsythe moved to pay bills as presented in the amount of \$27,582.38. Second by Johnson. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Board Reports:

Planning Commission – Ash – Reviewed letters of interest for the vacancy and one letter regarding AI Data Centers.

- Baker moved to appoint John Slocum to the Township Planning Commission to fill a vacancy for a term ending April 2027. Second by Johnson. All board members in favor. Motion carried.
- Board reviewed letter from Carolyn Van Agen regarding AI Data Centers.

Roads – Baker – Shia Co Road Comm indicated they painted the fog lines every four years.

Review the 2026 proposed road projects for the next meeting.

Co Commissioner Garber – Updated the board on County activities including Animal Control and Pleasant View expansion project.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Budget Hearing – Forsythe moved to have the Township Budget Hearing on March 2, 2026 immediately following the regular board meeting which begins at 7:00pm at the Township Hall. Second by Johnson. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Audit Contract – Forsythe moved to accept the Audit Contract form VMD & Associates, PLLC to provide the 2025 -2026 Audit at a cost of \$ 6,525 and authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement on behalf of the Township. Second by Johnson. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Lawn Maintenance 2026 – Two proposals received: G&W's Family Lawncare LLC and DeepRoots Outdoor Services. Johnson moved to accept the Lawn Maintenance bid from G&W's Family Lawncare LLC to provide lawn services for the Township at a rate per mow of Township Hall \$200.00, Alton Cemetery \$145.00, Howard Cemetery \$90.00, Oakwood Cemetery \$165.00 additionally Spring Cleanup \$400.00, Fall Cleanup \$750.00, Watering Trees per water \$350.00,

Weed Spraying per request \$100.00, Brush Hogging Field per request \$800.00. Second by Baker. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

BS&A Software to Clous Based – Board was presented with information.

MTA – Principles of Governance – Board was presented with information.

Budget Review – Forsythe moved to amend the 2025 -2026 budget by adding \$250.00 to Audit 101-223-801.010, adding \$400.00 to Drains – Misc. 101-445-957.000, and adding \$2000.00 to Parks and Recreation – Capital Outlay 101-751-970.000. Second by Carlin. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

2026 – 2027 Budget – Johnson moved to approve the 2026 -2027 Budget for presentation at the March 2, 2026 regular meeting. Second by Forsythe. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Johnson moved to adjourn. Second by Forsythe. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Ash, Clerk