

Bennington Township
March 2, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

The Bennington Township regular board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Cody Baker on March 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 printed. Second by Johnson. Motion carried.

Forsythe moved to approve the minutes for the February 2, 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 approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$21,850.11. Second by Johnson. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Board Reports:

Library – Sayles – Gave an update to the board of activities at the District Library.

Plan Co – Ash – No meeting. Received draft of the amended Shiawassee County Zoning Ordinance for review.

Roads – Baker – Potential 2026 road improvement project listing presented to board with new dollar amount. Johnson moved to approve the 2026 Road Improvement projects as listed at an approximate cost of \$265,324.00 with a SCRC contribution of \$35,000.00:

Scratch Course/Chip Seal

Brewer Rd from M-52 to Delaney Rd ~\$101,000.00

Brewer Rd from Friegel Rd to Sciota Twp Line ~\$ 92,000.00

Chip Seal/Fog Seal/Pavement Markings

Brewer Rd from Friegel Rd to Ruess Rd ~\$ 35,000.00

Gravel (Half Shot)

Ruess Rd from Bennington Rd to Garrison Rd ~\$ 16,471.00

Tyrrell Rd from M-52 to Beardslee Rd ~\$ 36,743.00

Mineral Well Brine

1st Application ~\$ 9,555.00

2nd Application ~\$ 9,555.00

Second by Ash. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Board of Review Alternate Date Resolution – Forsythe moved to adopt a resolution to change the date of the first day of the Board of Review to the Tuesday March 10, 2026. Second by

Johnson. Roll Call Vote: All board members in favor. Motion carried. (Complete wording of resolution available at the Township Hall)

Poverty Exemption Resolution – Forsythe moved to adopt a resolution for Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test for 2026. Second by Johnson. Roll Call Vote: All board members in favor. Motion carried. (Complete wording of resolution available at the Township Hall)

SATA Millage Ballot Proposal – Johnson moved to approve a ballot proposal for SATA Millage at a rate of the maximum limit SATA has determined for two years on the August 4, 2026 Primary Election. Second by Carlin. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Township Officials' Salary Resolution – Johnson moved to approve Salary Resolution adopted on January 5, 2026 to take effect with the new fiscal year. Second by Carlin. Roll call vote: Ash- yes, Johnson- yes, Forsythe- no, Carlin- yes, Baker- yes. Motion carried. (Complete wording of resolution available at the Township Hall)

Budget Review – Ash moved to amend the 2025 -2026 budget:

101-101-873.000	Pension Fund	+ \$1,200.00
101-101-956.000	Misc. Bank Fees	+ \$ 100.00
101-101-958.000	Misc (Governing Body)	- \$ 1,300.00

Second by Forsythe. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

2026-2027 Budget Presentation:

General Fund -	Revenues	\$ 843,500.00
	Expenditures	\$ 841,300.00
Fire Fund -	Revenues	\$ 207,500.00
	Expenditures	\$ 190,200.00
Cemetery Fund -	Revenues	\$ 610.00
	Expenditures	\$ 100.00
Ambulance Fund -	Revenues	\$ 166,560.00
	Expenditures	\$ 161,560.00
SATA Fund	Revenues	\$ 27,000.00
	Expenditures	\$ 26,050.00

Johnson moved to approve the 2026-2027 Budget Presentation for the Budget Hearing. Second by Forsythe. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

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

Adjournment at 7:34pm

Supervisor Baker called the Township Budget Hearing to order on March 2, 2026 at 7:34pm. Forsythe moved to suspend with regular meeting procedure and move on to agenda items. Second by Carlin. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Agenda Item: 2026 -2027 Budget Approval

Public Comment:

Resident Anderson asked if there were any major changes to the budget from last year.
Resident Smith questioned the increase in the budget for Parks and Recreation.

Johnson moved to approve the 2026-2027 Budget as printed. Second by Carlin. All board members in favor. Motion carried. (Complete budget is available at the Township Hall)

Forsythe moved to adjourn. Second by Johnson. Motion carried.
Adjournment at 7:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Ash, Clerk