

BENNINGTON TOWNSHIP
Regular Board Meeting
March 6, 2023

The Bennington Township regular board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Lee Ash on March 6, 2023, 7:00pm, at the Township Hall.

Present: Jim Forsythe, Matt Dutcher, Lee Ash, Cody Baker, Donna Ash.

Forsythe moved to approve the agendas as printed. Second by Dutcher. Motion carried.

Forsythe moved to approve the minutes for the February 6, 2023 regular meeting as printed. Second by L. Ash. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

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

Forsythe moved to pay bills as presented in the amount of \$18,923.86. Second by Dutcher. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Deputy A. Clapp – Gave a report, 101 events for February.

Board Reports:

Plan Comm – D. Ash – Recommended approval of one variance, one lot line adjustment, and reappointment of two commission members.

- Variance Request – PZBA23-001 – Applicant/property owner Kevin Dutcher present. Baker moved to concur with the Planning Commission and recommend approval of Variance Application PZBA23-001 for Kevin Dutcher, 5348 S. Morrice Rd., Owosso, parcel #010-14-200-002, to allow the creation of a parcel that exceeds the maximum lot size requirements of 2.5 acres. Second by L. Ash. All board members in favor, with Matt Dutcher abstaining. Motion carried.
- Lot Line Adjustment – PLLA22-031- Property Owner Russell Thomas present. L. Ash moved to concur with the Planning Commission and approve Lot Line Adjustment PLLA22-031 for Consumers Energy, parcel #010-23-400-009, #010-23-100-002, #010-23-200-001, #010-23-100-003. Second by Forsythe. All board members in favor. Motion carried.
- Reappointment of Members – L. Ash moved to reappoint Russell Thomas and James Norder to the Township Planning Commission for a term of three years expiring April 2026. Second by Forsythe. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Roads – L. Ash – Forsythe moved to approve 2023 Road Projects as presented at a cost of \$165,930.00. Second by Baker. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Road Projects for 2023:

Scratch Course/Chip Seal Rd.	\$101,400.00	Waugh Rd.- from Garrison Rd. to Bennington
Chip Seal/Fog Seal Rd.	\$ 48,500.00	Friegel Rd.- from Bennington Rd. to Hibbard
Gravel Rd.	\$ 14,850.00	Baldwin Rd.- from Hibbard Rd. to Bennington

(cost share with Sciota Township)

Miller Rd.- from Morrice Rd to M-52 (cost share with Perry Township)	\$ 19,800.00
Mineral Well Brine - Two applications	\$ 16,380.00
SCRC 2023 Contribution	(\$ 35,000.00)

Old Business: None

New Business: High Speed Internet Expansion – Daystarr and Charter – Dutcher moved to send letter for support of Daystarr and Charter for the ROBIN Program Grant. Second by Baker. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

2023-2024 Budget Presentation:

General Fund

Revenues: \$1,072,931.25
Expenditures: \$ 924,731.25

Fire Fund

Revenues: \$ 148,401.51
Expenditures: \$ 133,200.00

Cemetery Fund

Revenues: \$ 610.00
Expenditures: \$ 100.00

Ambulance Fund

Revenues: \$ 76,785.00
Expenditures: \$ 71,785.00

SATA Fund

Revenues: \$ 15,343.52
Expenditures: \$ 14,982.27

Forsythe moved to approve the 2023-2024 budget for the budget hearing. Second by Baker. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Forsythe moved to adjourn. Second by L. Ash. Motion carried.
Adjournment at 7:28pm.

The **Bennington Township Budget Hearing** was called to order by Supervisor Lee Ash on March 6, 2023, 7:28pm, at the Township Hall.

Present: James Forsythe, Matthew Dutcher, Leonard Ash, Cody Baker, Donna Ash.

Forsythe moved to suspend with regular meeting procedure and move to the business at hand. Second by L. Ash. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Baker moved to approve the 2023 – 2024 budget as presented. Second by Dutcher. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Baker moved to adjourn. Second by Dutcher. Motion carried.
Adjournment at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Ash, Clerk