

Bennington Township  
August 5, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

The Bennington Township regular meeting was called to order by Supervisor Lee Ash on August 5, 2024, 7:00pm, at the Township Hall.

Present: Jim Forsythe, Matt Dutcher, Lee Ash, Donna Ash  
Lynn Bowne Township Attorney

Not Present: Cody Baker

Forsythe moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Drain Commissioner Tony Newman. Second by Dutcher. Motion carried.

Forsythe moved to approve the minutes for the July 1, 2024 regular board meeting as printed. Second by L. Ash. All board members present in favor. Motion carried.

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

Forsythe moved to pay bills as presented in the amount of \$139,120.89. Second by L. Ash. All board members present in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Co Comm Garber – Update of County activities.

Board Reports:

Plan Comm- D. Ash – Reviewed Master Plan Update Goals, Strategies and Tasks.

Roads – L. Ash – Gravel is complete. Chip & Seal still need to be done.

Old Business:

Ambulance Special Assessment – Attorney Lynn Bowne present to discuss options for the Ambulance Special Assessment. Dutcher moved to hold a public hearing for an Ambulance Special Assessment to cover the entire Township at a cost \$120.00 per household, business, church, and school with no more than a 10% increase per year for four years to be held on September 18, 2024 at 6:00pm at the Township Hall. Second by L. Ash. All board members present in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Cement Bid – Forsythe moved to accept the bid from Bartz Excavating, LLC to repair portions of the parking lot, and cut out and cement in benches in the park at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. Second by L. Ash. All board members present in favor. Motion carried.

2023 – 2024 Audit – Forsythe moved to approve the letter of recommendation for the 2023 -2024 Audit. Second by Dutcher. All board members present in favor. Motion carried.

Forsythe moved to approve the 2023 – 2024 Audit as presented. Second by L. Ash. All board members present in favor. Motion carried. Note to check with the auditor on the amount of uninsured monies.

Drain Comm Tony Newman presented a project to clean the Burgess Drain in the Township. Cost will exceed the approved per mile amount. Request the Township approve the extra cost to have the drain cleaned. Dutcher moved to adopt a resolution to have work done on four miles of the Burgess Drain at a cost not to exceed \$32,000.00 to be assessed to property owners and the Township equally over two

years. Second by Forsythe. All board members present in favor. Motion carried. (Complete wording of resolution available at the Township Hall.)

Forsythe moved to adjourn. Second by L. Ash. Motion carried.  
Adjournment at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Ash, Clerk