

Bennington Township
December 2, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

The Bennington Township regular board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Cody Baker on December 2, 2024, 7:00pm, at the Township Hall.

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

Johnson moved to approve the agenda with additions of Resolution for Lee Ash, MTA Meeting, and Budget. Second by Forsythe. Motion carried.

Forsythe moved to approve the minutes for the November 4, 2024 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 \$23,845.95. Second by Johnson. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Resident asked about the increase in hall rental. (Hall rental increase took effect November 20, 2024)

Board Reports:

Library – Sayles – Presented the board with update of Library activities.

Plan Comm. – Ash – No Meeting.

Roads – Baker – Meeting with our Road Representative next week.

Old Business:

Alton Cemetery - Fence Row Clean Up – Three Bids were received from two companies. Dunsmore Tree Service at \$4000.00, G&W's Family Lawncare LLC - \$3325.00 and \$3735.00. Johnson moved to accept the bid from G&W's Family Lawncare LLC to remove the brush and the fence on the west side of Alton Cemetery at a cost of \$3735.00. Second by Forsythe. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Bank Accounts – Adding/Deleting Officials – Forsythe move to place the Supervisor Cody Baker, Treasurer Maria Carlin, and Clerk Donna Ash on all Township bank accounts and removed all other names. Second by Johnson. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

SSESA Contract – Johnson moved to accept the amended Emergency Service Agreement from Southwest Shiawassee Emergency Services Alliance with changes made to the service area to add all section south of Garrison Road (Sections 13-36). Second by Carlin. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Insurance Renewal – Johnson moved to renew the Township liability insurance with Burnham & Flower at an annual cost of \$9,999.00. Second by Forsythe. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Board of Review – Baker moved to reappoint Bill Koski, Gary Jacobs, and Herb Confer to the Township Board of Review for a two year term expiring December 31, 2026. Second by Forsythe. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Hall Front Door Replacement – Baker moved to accept the bid from Hi-Quality Glass, Inc. to replace the double doors on the front of the Township Hall at a cost of \$5,203.43. Second by Forsythe. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

New Officials Training – Forsythe moved to pay the cost of new officials wanting to attend training offered by MTA. Second by Ash. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution – Lee Ash – Baker moved to adopt a resolution commending Leonard Ash on his outstanding dedication to Bennington Township for over 30 years. Second by Forsythe. All board members in favor. Motion carried. (Complete wording of resolution is available at the Township Hall)

MTA Meeting – MTA Meeting recognizing Lee Ash will be December 3, 2024 at Bennington Township. Baker moved to approve payment to Brenda Hart, caterer, at a cost of \$500. Second by Johnson. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Budget – Current budget was provided for review.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Ash, Clerk