

Bennington Township  
March 3, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

The Bennington Township regular board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Cody Baker on March 3, 2025, 7:00pm, at the Township Hall.

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

Johnson moved to approve the agenda with the addition of mileage. Second by Forsythe. Motion carried.

Johnson moved to approve the minutes for the February 3, 2025 regular board meeting as printed. Second by Carlin. Motion carried.

Forsythe moved to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented. Second by Johnson. Motion carried.

Forsythe moved to pay bills as printed in the amount of \$15,949.57. Second by Johnson. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Board Reports:

Plan Comm - Ash– Recommended Bill Nash for reappointment. Review Master Plan Draft for next meeting.

- Baker moved to concur with the Planning Commission and reappoint William Nash to the Township Planning Commission for a three year term expiring April 2028. Second by Johnson. Motion carried.

Roads- Baker – 2025 Road Projects.

Johnson moved to approve the 2025 Road Projects as suggested by the Supervisor at an approximate cost of \$247,439.50:

Scratch Course/Chip Seal		
Grand River Rd from Morrice Rd to Cook Rd		~\$104,000.00
Brewer Rd from M-52 to Ruess Rd		~\$120,000.00
Gravel		
Beardslee Rd from Grand River Rd to Sciota Twp line		~23,439.50

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

Old Business:

SESSA/SATA Board Appointments – Discussion of appointing a township resident to each of these boards. Forsythe moved to appoint Larry Johnson to the SATA Board to serve a three year term expiring September 2027. Second by Carlin. Motion carried.

New Business:

Audit Engagement Letter 2024-2025 – Johnson moved to contract with VMD & Associates, PLLC to conduct the 2024-2025 audit for the Township at a cost of \$6,250. Second by Baker. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

24-25 Budget Amendments – Forsythe moved to amend the 2024 -2025 budget:

101-101-727.000	Supplies	+\$200.00
101-101-873.000	Pension Fund	+1000.00

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

2025-2026 Budget Presentation:

General Fund -	Revenues	\$ 834,700.00
	Expenditures	\$ 774,700.00
Fire Fund -	Revenues	\$ 198,500.00
	Expenditures	\$ 150,200.00
Cemetery Fund -	Revenues	\$ 610.00
	Expenditures	\$ 100.00
Ambulance Fund -	Revenues	\$ 154,140.00
	Expenditures	\$ 149,140.00
SATA Fund	Revenues	\$ 21,400.00
	Expenditures	\$ 20,697.76

Forsythe moved to approve the 2025-2026 Budget presentation for the Budget Hearing. Second by Johnson. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Mileage – Johnson moved to increase the reimbursable mileage amount to IRS recommended amount of \$0.70 per mile. Second by Forsythe. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

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

Adjournment at 7:44pm

Supervisor Baker called the **Township Budget Hearing** to order on March 3, 2025 at 7:44pm.

Forsythe moved to suspend with regular meeting procedure and move on to agenda items. Second by Ash. All board members in favor. Motion carried.

Agenda Item: 2025 -2026 Budget Approval

Forsythe moved to approve the 2025-2026 Budget as printed. Second by Johnson. All board members in favor. (Complete budget is available at the Township Hall)

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

Adjournment at 7:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Ash, Clerk