

The Village of Benton Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Village President, Gary McCrea at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Benton Business Incubator Building at 244 Ridge Avenue on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Jim Sysko, Chuck Wartner, Cal Robbins and Terry Sheffer. Absent: Jessica Polfer. Citizens present: Ted Kearns. Employees: Beverly Hitz & Jim Goffinet. Others present: Consultant Keith Dalsing. Proper notice of the meeting had been posted in four public places; the Village of Benton Business Incubator Building, Benton State Bank, Benton Post Office, and the Zephyr Depot, in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Motion (Sheffer, Walton) to approve minutes from the regular village board meeting February 18, 2015 and the street committee meeting held March 9, 2015 as presented. Voice-all ayes. Carried.

Keith Dalsing of K.D. Engineering presented the plans for the 2015 Jenkynsville Road and North Galena Street reconstruction, which are available in the village office for review. Bids will be accepted for three separate contracts for excavation, curb and gutter, and blacktopping.

Motion (Sheffer, Robbins) to approve street plans as presented. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Sysko) to approve letting of bids related to reconstruction of Jenkynsville Road and North Galena Street. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Sysko) to pass Preliminary Resolution #2015-01 for Special Assessments related to the reconstruction of Jenkynsville Road and North Galena Street. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Discussion of possible application for a CDBG grant to defray costs of installing a water main loop from Third Street and Third Avenue up to Creek Drive at the intersection of Ridge Avenue and Creek Drive. Keith Dalsing explained the process and possible benefits of receiving this grant. Bev Hitz is in contact with Community Development Alternatives to help determine if we are eligible at this time.

Motion (Sysko, Sheffer) to accept the bid from B&P Roofing for \$2,050 to replace the roof on the sewer plant garage. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sysko, Walton) to approve dates presented for spring leaf & brush collection and supervised burning in the village. Voice-all ayes. Carried

Jim Goffinet advised that the tree stumps will be taken care of at Village Park and explained that he will contact Iverson Construction about patching that was not completed as promised in 2014. Gary will also be in contact with Iverson Construction. Jim mentioned that he will be disposing of the old plant hangers from Main Street.

ATV Route Ordinance 2015-01 was tabled until the April 15th board meeting. The board is questioning the route on Bean Street crossing Main Street. The Ordinance Committee will set up a meeting to discuss options for a permanent ATV Ordinance.

Jim Sysko presented the proposed timeline for the completion of the Veterans Memorial. Terry Sheffer will confirm completion schedule with Eldon and Jim Kruser. Terry also reported concerns about garbage and a collapsed garage can. The public nuisance committee will set up a time for their spring meeting.

Jim Goffinet left at 7:30 p.m.

Motion (Sysko, Walton) to approve renewal of agreement between the Village of Benton and the Benton School District from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017 related to Swift Park use. Voice-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Sysko) to approve request from Ryan Carver to attend WRWA conference March 25th and 26th, 2015. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Sysko) to approve request from Beverly Hitz to attend LWMMI POLICYHOLDER CONFERENCE April 16th and 17th, 2015. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Discussion of timeline for hiring of new utility worker. Bev Hitz will prepare all paperwork and submit to the personnel committee for approval. Advertising will take place the week of April 13th and the week of April 20th. Deadline for receipt of applications will be Friday, May 1st.

February Police Report was approved by general consent.

Pursuant with Chapter 19.85 Sub (1) par (e) of WIS. STATS, *motion (Walton, Sheffer) to adjourn to closed session to deliberate or negotiate the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, including discussion of a loan to the Benton Business Incubator.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Adjourned to closed session at 7:40 p.m.

Motion (Sheffer, Walton) to reconvene to open session. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Reconvened to open session at 7:55 p.m.

Motion (Robbins, Wartner) to approve the payment of \$129,984.39 to Benton State Bank after April 1st to pay off the loan for the Benton Business Incubator. Roll-all ayes. Carried

The Village of Benton will have a loan agreement with the Benton Business Incubator showing the total amount due to the Village. Currently the total amount due the Village is \$236,872.98. This includes the amount the Village has paid for past principle payments. The interest rate will fluctuate annually to just a bit above the current interest received from Local Government Investment pool.

The claims against the Village were presented for payment. *Motion (Wartner, Sysko) to pay the claims against the Village.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Sysko) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.