

The regular meeting of the Benton Village Board 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, June 15, 2016, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Chuck Wartner, Cal Robbins, Rose Walton, Terry Sheffer and Jessica Polfer. Absent: Jim Sysko Village employees present: Beverly Hitz and Eric Mowry Others Present: Richard and Kathleen Chase In compliance with the open meeting law, proper notice of the meeting had been posted in four public places; the Zephyr Depot, Benton State Bank, Benton Post Office, and the Benton Business Incubator Building.

Motion (Walton,Sheffer) to approve minutes from the regular village board held on May 18, 2016 as presented. Voice-all ayes. Carried

Eric Mowry reported that the crack filling was completed and the cost was just under \$24,000. He rented a grinder for the skid steer and has the work done at the Swift Park tennis court. He will be working on the parking lot at the incubator and a couple of other areas. We have the grinder until next Monday, June 20th. The work at Village Park will be started next week. Eric also mentioned the need for a trencher to bury the wire for the replacement of lights at the football field. The cost to rent a trencher is \$85 per day. Following a discussion of uses for a trencher attachment the board voted on the purchase of a trencher at a cost of approximately \$4,000.

Motion (Robbins,Sheffer) to approve the purchase of a trencher attachment for our bobcat at an approximate cost of \$4,000. Roll-all ayes. Carried

Terry Sheffer mentioned the need to trim trees over our sidewalks and streets. Eric is willing to do this as needed. Cal mentioned ordering our conduit etc. in advance of the lighting project at Swift Park so that it is here when needed.

Gary McCrea contacted the DNR Control Board regarding the phosphorous issue, but has had no response to date. He also reported on the meeting with the DOT to get the no passing zone redone on the hill going west out of town at the intersection of white street and highway 11. He will call them again if he does not hear anything by the end of the week.

Motion (Robbins,Sheffer) to issue an order to raze the residential dwelling at 150 Arbor Street in the Village of Benton. Roll-all ayes. Carried

Motion (Walton,Wartner) to approve vacation request from Bev Hitz for July 26-29 and August 1, 2016. Roll-all ayes. Carried

Motion (Walton,Sheffer) to approve Compliance Maintenance Resolution 2016-02. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Distributed and discussed Audited Financial Statements, year ended 12-31-2015.

Motion (Walton,Polfer) to approve the renewal of the following licenses for 2016-2017:

Class "A" and Class "A" liquor license for Dougherty Depots, LLC.

Class "B" and Class "B" liquor license for Lawrence Outback, LLC.

Class "B" and Class "B" liquor license for Joseph F. McCrea VFW Post 7896.

Class "B" and Class "B" liquor license for McCarthy's Tavern, LLC.

Class "B" and Class "B" liquor license for Ronald Spillman, GG's Tap.

Operator License renewals- Shane Lawrence, Bradley Lawrence, Rory Lawrence, Alice Stillmunkes, Tony Dougherty, Dennis Stillmunkes, Christie Rodgers, Dana Dougherty, Susan Reynolds, John J. Scanlan, Eldon Kruser, David Kane, Nicholas Neis, Carolyn K. McCarthy, Patrick McCarthy, Sarah McCarthy, Tana Mootz and Mary Blahnik.

Cigarette License for the Dougherty Depots, LLC dba Zephyr Depot.

Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Robbins, Walton) to approve an Operator's License for Kyle Kiernan.

Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Benton Waterworks Quality Water Report for 2015 reviewed, no issues.

Motion (Robbins, Wartner) to approve two handicapped parking spots for the Benton Bible Church, one on Third Avenue and one on Second Street. Also approving a no parking space on Main Street by the fire hydrant that they use in emergencies. Roll-all ayes. Carried

Motion (Polfer, Robbins) to approve a five year contract including a \$1 increase for law enforcement in the Village of Benton with the Lafayette County Sheriff's Department.

Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The board approved the May 2016 Police Report as presented

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

Motion (Walton, Sheffer) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Voice-all Ayes. Carried