

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, July 19, 2017, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Kenneth Farrey, Jill Knight, Chuck Wartner, Jessica Polfer and Cal Robbins. Absent: Terry Sheffer Village employees present: Beverly Hitz and Jim Goffinet. Others present: Elizabeth Schoeneman 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 (Farrey,Robbins) to approve minutes from the regular village board meeting held on June 21st, 2017, as presented. Voice-all ayes. Carried

Jim Goffinet reported that the sidewalk replacement is about 50% complete. The sewer pipe is here and they are planning on getting started with the utilities at the new subdivision next week. The wire for the electric has been ordered. They will work on sewer first and then complete water and electric after Labor Day. He also informed the board that the contract for the skid steer was changing and it would not be cost effective to trade in annually.

Bev Hitz informed the board that the water tower would be painted in September and is included in our maintenance contract with Suez. The Library board voted to transfer \$\$24,884.60 from their savings back to the Village of Benton for reserve. The Lafayette County Sheriff's office now has our ordinances uploaded so we can now issue tickets from the Village of Benton.

Motion (Wartner,Robbins) to approve Bev Hitz request to attend the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association Conference at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells, August 22 thru August 25, 2017. Roll-all ayes. Carried

Request to purchase a rifle for the Police Department was tabled until a future date.

*Motion (Knight,Wartner) to name the new subdivision **Roling Oaks Heights Subdivision.** Roll-all ayes. Carried*

*Motion (Robbins,Farrey) to sell the **lots** at Roling Oaks Heights Subdivision for **\$7,500 each.** Roll-all ayes. Carried*

*Motion (Robbins,Polfer) to approve the **Roling Oaks Heights Subdivision Restrictive Covenants** as presented. Roll-all ayes. Carried*

*Motion (Knight,Polfer) to name the cul de sac in Roling Oaks Heights Subdivision – **McCrea Circle.** Roll-all ayes. Carried*

*Motion (Robbins,Polfer) to approve **Resolution #2017-01A Authorizing the sale of lots (1-24) Roling Oaks Heights Subdivision** as presented. Roll-all ayes. Carried*

Jim Goffinet left the meeting at 7:05p.m.

Gary explained that they have hired a new assistant for Bob Jones the Lafayette Development Director her name is Abby Haas. He also said the lawn at 150 N Vanburen should be mowed by us and billed to the bank as needed. We need to look at the curb on Alma Street to determine if we need to paint more Yellow to allow for parking issues when there is activities at the school.

Chuck Wartner explained that we have some ongoing public nuisance issues. There are reports of some trees over the sidewalks and lawns that are not being mowed, also unlicensed dogs. Bev Hitz will inform Mike Gorham of these issues.

The claims against the Village were presented for payment.

Motion (Polfer, Knight) to pay the claims against the Village. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Robbins, Wartner) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.