

A ***Special Meeting*** regarding Utility Easements was called to order by Gary McCrea, Village President at 6:00p.m. in the conference room of the Benton Business Incubator Building at 244 Ridge Avenue on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Kenneth Farrey, Jill Knight, Jessica Polfer, Terry Sheffer and Cal Robbins. Absent: Chuck Wartner Village employees present: Beverly Hitz Others present: Keith Dalsing of Kd Engineering, Ray and Melissa Fawcett, and Nancy Aurit 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.

Keith presented Ray and Melissa Fawcett with the proposed changes to storm water run-off that will improve the looks of their back yards as everything would be underground. They are in favor of this plan. He also presented Nancy Aurit with the plan to vacate the current utility easement and replace it with one that runs across the back of the property. Nancy was in favor of this plan. Bev Hitz spoke with Sharon Hoppenjan by telephone to explain the plan for storm water run-off that will affect the back side of her property. She is in agreement and will call if she wants any further explanation. Bev will be getting the necessary document in order for: temporary construction easements, Hoppenjan & Fawcett. Vacate and issue a new easement for Nancy Aurit. Keith also presented the plan to connect the road with Viola Roling's current driveway. Gary will Inform Viola of her options. Jessica Polfer presented the suggestion for a playground/park area in or near Roling Oaks Heights. Bev Hitz suggested that there is an empty lot in Roling Oaks Subdivision that we could possibly use. We will discuss during the budget process. Gary adjourned the special meeting at 6:20 p.m.

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, August 16, 2017, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Kenneth Farrey, Jill Knight, Jessica Polfer, Terry Sheffer and Cal Robbins. Absent: Chuck Wartner Village employees present: Beverly Hitz and Eric Mowry. 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 (Knight,Polfer) to approve minutes from the regular village board meeting held on July 19th,2017as presented. Roll-all ayes. Carried

Motion (Sheffer,Robbins) to approve minutes from the special board meeting held on August 7th, 2017as presented. Roll-all ayes. Carried

Eric Mowry informed the board that the crosswalk painting would take priority over the curbs, they will be painted next week. He discussed the progress at the new subdivision indicating that they are almost done with the sewer installation, the water and electric will be done after labor day. He also mentioned that about 4 acres of corn will need to be chopped to complete the utilities for the 3 lots on McCrea Circle. Eric discussed the cost of trading in the skid steer at this time. It would be about \$1,500 plus \$630 and tires. The board agreed not to act at this time and keep it for 1 more year. Eric left the meeting at 7p.m.

Jessica Polfer mentioned that a suggestion was made to block off parking spaces early on Sunday, possibly even Saturday night to make sure that there are no vehicles parked in the area blocked off for the Labor Day Street Dance on Sunday night. Bev Hitz had already mentioned this to Jim Goffinet and he was going to consult with Lou Langkamp. Cal Robbins mentioned that the traffic is a real issue on Alma Street during the Labor Day celebration also. Gary would like go with Eric to help decide the curb area on Alma Street to be painted yellow. Jessica also mention the Dementia Friendly Training that will be available in the spring.

Bev Hitz reported complaints that she has received 1) we have a rooster in the village 2) the Jamieson property is over grown & there is a tree falling down 3) weeds between Hilby and Edgerton, trees over the sidewalk by Hendricks. A letter has gone out to Hendricks and Jamieson giving them 10 days to correct. The police officer has located the rooster and they have been given 7 days to remove him from the village. The County has been contacted regarding the down tree and the split tree on the Jamieson property. Bev Hitz will investigate the weeds near Andrew Edgerton and Hilby.

Motion (Sheffer, Farrey) to approve Replacement Class B Retail licenses for GG's Tap, McCarthy's Bar, Joseph McCrea Post 7896, and Lawrence's Pub and Eatery for 6:00 p.m. September 3, 2017 thru 12:00 a.m. September 4, 2017. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Farrey, Polfer) to approve Application for Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License from St. Augustine Church for August 27th at St. Patrick's Parish Hall. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Polfer) to approve request for Beverly Hitz to attend the Civic Systems Symposium September 14th & 15th at the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Roll-all ayes. Carried

Motion (Sheffer, Farrey) to approve the proposed 2018 budget timeline as presented. and the Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Gary presented a request from the Benton Public Schools for storage of guns for the trap shooting program. They are not allowed to keep them on the school grounds. After much discussion Gary McCrea proposed using the storage area of the conference room in the BBI Building. The guns would have trigger locks and be in gun vaults. The lock would also have to be changed to a bolt lock system on the storage room door. Bev Hitz will call the insurance agent for the Village to see if we can get coverage and the cost. Terry Sheffer says the NRA may help to offset the insurance costs.

The claims against the Village were presented for payment.

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

Motion (Polfer, Sheffer) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30p.m.