

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, Chuck Wartner, Jessica Polfer and Terry Sheffer. Absent: Rose Walton and Cal Robbins. Citizens present: None Employees: Sonya Silvers & Eric Mowry. Others present: Deputy Mike Gorham. 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 (Polfer, Wartner) to approve minutes from the regular village board meeting July 20th, 2016 as presented.* Voice-all ayes. Carried.

Deputy Mike Gorham presented a request for a new computer or tablet for the squad car. The old one is out dated and causing problems. Mike will gather a list with different options and prices for the new tablet to be approved at a later date. A request to purchase a body camera for Deputy Mike Gorham was also made. Deputy Gorham received permission from the board to have the squad at his residence from time to time if needed.

*Motion (Wartner, Sheffer,) to approve the purchase of the body camera for the Deputy.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Deputy Gorham left meeting at 6:43p.m.

Eric Mowry stated that the lighting project is complete with minimal clean up left. Sod will be laid at Village Park this week. The plan at Swift Park is to plant seed with a lot of straw instead of sod. Eric is currently working on a list of properties with dead trees/limbs that bring concern. Once the list is complete we will send letters stating they need to clean these dead trees/limbs up. There are a few low hanging limbs that Eric agreed to take care of himself before Labor Day due to concern of rerouting traffic and safety. Eric stated that the Electronic pick up was a huge success. The dump truck hauled 2 loads to Weiderholts and had a full dumpster of the electronics.

Eric Mowry left at 6:50 p.m.

Jessica Polfer voiced concerns about a few of the sidewalks in town being in bad condition and concerned for safety of walkers and bikers. The Village responsible for maintaining of the sidewalks unless the damage is by doing of the resident.

*Motion (Sheffer, Wartner) for approval of 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 4, 2016 thru 12:00 a.m. September 5, 2016. .* Voice-all ayes. Carried.

*Motion (Polfer, Sheffer) to approve Application for Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License from St. Augustine Church for August 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick's Parish Hall.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

*Motion (Sheffer, Polfer) to approve request for Beverly Hitz to attend MEUW Accounting & Customer Service Seminar September 13<sup>th</sup> and the Civic Systems Symposium September 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> at the Glacier Canyon Lodge in Wisconsin Dells.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Pursuant with Chapter 19.85 Sub (1) par (e) of WIS. STATS, *motion (Polfer, Wartner) 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 6:57 p.m.

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

Reconvened to open session at 7:08 p.m.

*Motion (Sheffer, Wartner) to authorize Gary McCrea to move forward with negotiations for the purchase of land for development.* Roll-all ayes. Carried

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

*Motion (Sheffer, Polfer) to adjourn.* Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.