

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, September 16, 2015, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Jessica Polfer, Chuck Wartner, Terry Sheffer and Cal Robbins. Absent: Jim Sysko Village employees present: Beverly Hitz and Jim Goffinet. Others present: Deputy Steve Schultz. 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 (Sheffer, Polfer) to approve minutes from the regular village board meeting on August 19th, personnel and public nuisance committee meetings on August 24th, police committee meeting August 26th, public nuisance committee meeting and the special board meeting with the Benton School Board on September 2nd, 2015. Roll-all ayes. Carried

Motion (Robbins, Walton) to approve payout of accumulated sick leave to employees who retire at the age of 65 or older with 20 years of service. John Perkins will receive payment for his accumulated sick leave hours. Roll-all ayes. Carried

Motion (Walton, Polfer) to approve a rate of \$30.00 per hour consulting fee for the Electric Utility. We will use John Perkins as a consultant on an as needed basis. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Walton) to approve leaf and garden waste pick up dates October 19th-23rd and November 2nd-6th, brush pick up November 4th-6th and supervised burn dates October 23rd-November 1st. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Robbins, Sheffer) to approve the purchase of a new police squad, a 2016 Ford Explorer the total cost will be approximately \$37,200. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Jim Goffinet asked that we order a replacement fuser for the Electric Utility. The one we had in inventory was used to replace one that was leaking and could not be repaired. We need to keep one in inventory because it takes 10-12 weeks to get one in. The quote from Border States is for \$8,659.84. He also obtained an estimate to repair the bucket truck from Fransyl Equipment Co. Inc. for \$2,160.00.

Motion (Sheffer, Robbins) to approve the purchase of a replacement fuser for the Electric Utility at a cost of \$8,659.84. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Robbins, Polfer) to approve the repair of the bucket truck for an estimated cost of \$2,160. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Jim advised that to replace the concrete at the tennis courts would cost approximately \$60,000. We are pricing another option which would include purchasing a skid steer with a Lathe attachment which could be used to level the concrete and we would use a compound to level it out and protect it for the future. Tabled until the October 21st meeting to get more input on our options.

Jim is requesting that we speak to Quality Motors before the snow falls. They need to remove the cars that they keep parked on the road.

Gary will attend the VFW meeting on September 17th to request reimbursement for expenses we incurred for the Veterans Memorial in Village Park.

The August 2015 police report was approved by general consent..

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

Motion (Wartner, Sheffer) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.