

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, November 16, 2017, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Kenneth Farrey, Jessica Polfer, Cal Robbins, Terry Sheffer and Chuck Wartner (by speaker phone) Absent: Jill Knight

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 (Sheffer, Farrey) to approve minutes from the regular village board meeting held on October 18, 2017 and the special board meeting on October 30th as presented. Voice-all ayes. Carried

Eric Mowry informed the board that the breaker rock is on the street in the subdivision and they will be putting gravel on soon. They are working on getting the electrical service in and we are ready for Alliant Energy to put in the gas service.

Terry Sheffer stated that the Lafayette Development Corporation would be meeting here on Monday, November 27th at 6pm. They meet the 4th Monday of each month.

Jessica Polfer recently attended a meeting of Prosperity Southwest Wisconsin. The largest problem they have is housing for new employees, especially transitional housing or rental property. Some counties are using the UW Extension to research the housing issue.

Cal Robbins said Glen Chambers is requesting 3 phase electric service. Bev Hitz will let Jim Goffinet know about the request. Cal also said he received complaints about a previous village employee using our bucket truck. He feels this should not be allowed under any circumstances. Following a brief discussion by the board members it was concluded that this will not be allowed in the future. Only Village Employees will operate Village Owned Equipment.

A discussion and no action on the possible purchase of land in the Village of Benton.

Motion (Polfer, Robbins) to approve the 2018 General Fund Budget with a local tax levy of \$146,403.00 for posting. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Bev Hitz presented the Notice of Spring Election-April 3, 2018. She also suggested two possible dates for the 2017 Village Christmas Party.

Gary McCrea stated that he will be putting together a list of the businesses in Benton and the surrounding area for the December Village Newsletter. We will also place it on the Village website and on the BCDC board at the Zephyr Depot.

The claims against the Village were presented for payment.

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

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