

The public hearing of the Benton Village Board was called to order by Village President, Gary McCrea, at 6:15 p.m. at 244 Ridge Avenue in the conference room of the Benton Business Incubator building on Wednesday, December 6, 2017, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Cal Robbins, Terry Sheffer, Jill Knight and Kenneth Farrey. Absent: Chuck Wartner and Jessica Polfer. Village employees present: Beverly Hitz. In compliance with the open meeting law, proper notice of the meeting had been posted in four public places; Benton State Bank, Benton Post Office, Benton Business Incubator Building and the Zephyr Depot.

A discussion was held regarding the 2018 General Fund Budget. *Motion (Sheffer, Farrey) to adjourn.* Roll-all ayes. Carried. The hearing adjourned at 6:29 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, December 6, 2017, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Cal Robbins, Terry Sheffer, Jill Knight and Kenneth Farrey. Absent: Chuck Wartner and Jessica Polfer. Village employees present: Beverly Hitz and Jim Goffinet. 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 (Robbins, Sheffer) to approve minutes from the regular village board meeting held on November 16th, 2017, as presented. (Jill Knight abstained) Roll-all ayes. Carried

Jim Goffinet reported that the electric service is buried at the subdivision, individual hook-ups not completed yet. Gas should be going in in January.

There was a brief discussion regarding the village owned signs along highway 11 and the permit process involved to make any changes.

Gary explained the current status of the Jamieson Property. He will be contacting the attorney with some questions.

Motion (Knight, Robbins) to renew the lease with Redfearn for crop land at \$275 per acre for 2018. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Farrey, Sheffer) to adopt the 2018 General Fund Budget with a local tax levy of \$146,403.00. Roll-all ayes. Carried

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

Motion (Knight, Robbins) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.