

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 21, 2012, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Chuck Wartner, Cal Robbins, Rose Walton, Lisa Lawrence, Terry Sheffer and Ron Fladseth. Absent: none. Citizens present: Todd Bastian. Others present: Officer Eric Seiler. Employees present: Darnell Hendricks and Jim Goffinet. 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.

By general consent the minutes were approved as printed and distributed.

Todd Bastian, representing the Benton Booster Club was present with a proposal to sell advertising at Swift Park. The proposal includes selling banners for a \$200.00 fee which would include sponsorship of a summer recreation softball/baseball team. *Motion (Sheffer, Wartner) to approve the proposal presented by the Benton Booster Club to sell advertising at Swift Park.* Roll-all ayes, Lawrence abstained. Motion carried.

Officer Eric Seiler presented the February 2012 police report. Officer Seiler also asked if the April through June schedule could be completed. President McCrea will do this.

The board approved Officer Seiler's February police report by general consent.

Goffinet was present and inquired as to plans for the parking lot at Swift Park. The Street committee will be setting up a meeting to look at it and make recommendations. A Street committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 27th at 9:15 a.m.

Goffinet also indicated there was a water leak on the water line leading to the concession stand/restrooms at Swift Park. This leak is in the process of being repaired.

Goffinet left at 6:43 p.m.

The Public Nuisance committee, consisting of Wartner, Lawrence, and Walton, advised it would be setting up a meeting soon at a mutually convenient time for all.

The Park committee, consisting of Lawrence, Walton and Fladseth, advised it would be setting up a mutually convenient time for all.

It was confirmed that a Special Meeting will be set up for March 28th at 6:15 p.m. to discuss the Main Street lighting project.

Sheffer reported on the Lafayette County Highway Department Municipality Meeting held on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at the Darlington Country Club. The county provided its updated costs for cold mix asphalt, sealcoat and culverts at this meeting.

McCrea reported on the meeting he plans to attend Friday, March 23rd at 9:00 a.m. regarding a casino in Shullsburg. McCrea indicated the prospects for a casino in Shullsburg are very promising.

A thank you from Swindler's Ridge for a donation made on behalf of the Fern Cherry Memorial was distributed.

The board was advised of the League of Municipalities regional dinner meetings as well as its new official workshops held in May, 2012. Board members were asked to let Hendricks know if they would like to attend either of these meetings/workshops.

Bids for cleaning and inspection of the water utility's in-ground reservoir were reviewed. *Motion (Robbins, Fladseth) to approve the bid from MIDCO Diving and Marine Services, Inc. in the amount of \$2499.00 for cleaning and inspection of the water utility's in-ground reservoir.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The board was provided an update on the mapping project proposed at the February meeting. K.D. Engineering had indicated it would do the updates for \$400-900 if they were +/- 50 items, and \$75-150 for 5-10 items. It was also indicated that the village would have ownership rights of the maps. Based on this information the board agreed by general consent to proceed with this mapping project.

Ordinance 2012-002 to Amend Section 10-1-141 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Benton related to the outside storage of firewood in the Village of Benton was read for the second time. *Motion (Walton, Robbins) to approve the ordinance amendment of Ordinance 2012-002 amending Section 10-1-*

141 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Benton related to the outside storage of firewood in the Village of Benton. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Lawrence, Walton) to purchase new protective sleeves for the UV lamps at the wastewater treatment plant from UV Doctor for \$600.00. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Wartner, Fladseth) to approve a picnic license for the Benton Community Development Corporation for the Chicken BBQ and Open House on May 19, 2012. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Robbins) to approve the appointment of Elizabeth Schoenmann, Assistant Clerk, as Election Administrator to administer the June 5, 2012 recall election. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Lawrence, Wartner) to approve Resolution 2012-01 to Establish a Fund Balance Policy as required by GASB 54. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Fladseth, Robbins) to approve the Budget Resolution 2012-02. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Lawrence, Walton) to approve soliciting bids for redoing the village's website. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Ordinance 2012-003 to add Section 5-4-1 to 5-4-8 of the Municipal Code related to Outdoor Wood Furnaces was read for the first time. The second reading will be held in April.

The Personnel committee made a recommendation to the full board regarding some changes to the personnel manual specifically related to leave without pay, employee discipline and paid time off notification requirements. A vote was held related to these recommended changes on page 24 and 28 of the personnel manual. Roll-all ayes. Motion carried.

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

Motion (Robbins, Fladseth) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.