

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 7, 2011, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Ron Fladseth, Lisa Lawrence, Terry Sheffer, Chuck Wartner and Cal Robbins. Absent: Rose Walton (6:25 p.m.). Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks. Visitors/Citizens present: none. Consultants present: none. 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 2012 General Fund Budget. By general consent the board adjourned the 2012 General Fund Budget Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m.

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, December 7, 2011, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Cal Robbins, Terry Sheffer, Lisa Lawrence, Chuck Wartner, Rose Walton and Ron Fladseth. Citizens present: none. 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 Benton Business Incubator Building, Benton State Bank, Benton Post Office, and the Zephyr Depot, in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Motion (Sheffer, Fladseth) to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting held November 16th, 2011 as distributed. Voice-all ayes. Motion carried.

Officer Eric Seiler presented his November police report. A general discussion was held regarding the police department's activities since the last meeting.

Motion (Robbins, Sheffer) to approve the purchase of a gas monitor for the wastewater treatment plant from J & R Supply, Inc. for \$1,357.00. Roll-All ayes. Carried.

Motion (Wartner, Robbins) to approve the repair the micro-strainer at the wastewater treatment plant for \$2,527.00. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Jim Goffinet was present at the meeting. Goffinet indicated that when putting up the holiday decorations this year it was increasingly evident as to why the street light poles on Main Street need to be replaced.

The second reading for 2011-002 Ordinance of Village of Benton-An Ordinance to Amend Section 2-2-8 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Benton related to the Salaries of the Village President and the Village Trustees was read. *Motion (Walton, Wartner) to approve 2011-002 Ordinance of Village of Benton-An Ordinance to Amend Section 2-2-8 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Benton related to the Salaries of the Village President and the Village Trustees.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Lawrence, Fladseth) to approve the 2012 General Fund Budget with a local tax levy of \$132,223.00. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Robbins) to approve the closure of Catherine Street from Main Street to Arbor Street from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on December 10, 2011. Voice-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Sheffer) to approve Resolution 2011-06 Opposing Assembly Bill 182. Roll: Walton-yes, Wartner-yes, Lawrence-yes, Fladseth-yes, Robbins-no, Sheffer-yes, McCrea-yes. Motion carried with 6 yes and 1 no vote. Carried.

Motion (Robbins, Sheffer) to approve the 2012 Uniform Dwelling Code Enforcement Services Contract between the Village of Benton and Smrcina Inspections LLC. Roll: all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Robbins, Sheffer) to approve Resolution 2011-07 Uniform Dwelling Code Adoption with Smrcina Inspections as the inspection service provider. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Walton) to approve Resolution 2011-08 Authorizing 2012-2013 Poll Workers. Roll: Walton-yes, Wartner-abstain, Lawrence-yes, Fladseth-yes, Robbins-yes, Sheffer-yes, McCrea-yes. Motion carried with 6 yes and 1 abstention.

The board was advised that the Benton Water Department was recently named a recipient of the Water Fluoridation Quality Award from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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

Motion (Walton, Wartner) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.