

A special meeting of the Benton Village Board was called to order by Village President, Gary McCrea, at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Benton Business Incubator Building at 244 Ridge Avenue on Wednesday, February 26, 2009, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton (5:34 p.m.), Terry Sheffer, Lisa Lawrence, Lori Droessler, Katey McCarthy (5:31 p.m.), and Ron Fladseth. Citizens: Lynn Montgomery, Kenneth Farrey, Elna Lorene Watson, Dave Gushulak, and Mark Richardson. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks and John Perkins. Consultants and others present: Keith Dalsing, K.D. Engineering. 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.

Keith Dalsing, K.D. Engineering, was present to again go over information regarding the reconstruction of Cross Street from Main Street to Temple Avenue. The options discussed included a 30 foot wide street with a 33 foot right of way or a 36 foot wide street with a 36-40 foot right of way.

Sheffer left the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

*Motion (Lawrence, Walton) to approve the proceeding with obtaining a 36-40 foot right of way for Cross Street and then reconstructing a 36 foot wide street.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

By general consent the board agreed to contact Centurytel and Mediacom to advise them that the three existing poles on this street would be removed when the street reconstruction takes place. If Centurytel and Mediacom are not cooperative in moving their utilities underground, the village will guarantee removal of the poles and bury the cable television and telephone lines itself.

Walton inquired as to whether the board would be willing to resurrect the free lot give-away campaign from last fall. By general consent the board approved to resurrect this program under the same terms as had been agreed to previously.

*Motion (Walton, Fladseth) to adjourn.* Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.