

The regular meeting of the Benton Village Board was called to order by Village President, Gary McCrea, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Benton Business Incubator Building at 244 Ridge Avenue on Wednesday, February 17, 2010, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Lisa Lawrence, Ron Fladseth, Lori Droessler and Katey Neis. Absent: Terry Sheffer. Citizens: none. Consultants: none. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks and John Perkins. Others present: Officer Eric Seiler. 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.

The minutes from the regular meeting held January 20, 2010, were approved by general consent as amended.

Hendricks requested permission for all three outside employees: Ryan Carver, Jim Goffinet, and John Perkins to attend an open house at J & R Supply, Thursday, March 11, 2010. *Motion (Droessler, Lawrence) to authorize John Perkins, Ryan Carver, and Jim Goffinet to attend the open house at J & R Supply, Thursday, March 11, 2010. Roll-all ayes.*

Hendricks updated the board regarding the street lighting committee meeting held February 10, 2010.

Hendricks advised the board that Benton Municipal Utility customers could now participate in direct bill pay of their utility bills. The forms to sign up were distributed to each board member, as well as will be available on the web site, in the village office, and at various locations around the village. In the near future it is hoped that credit card payments will also be accepted.

By general consent the board approved

McCrea updated the board on the discussions that had been held with Mid-West Dairymen's Co. related to a 40,000 square foot cold storage building site in the Village of Benton. McCrea advised the board the company's first choice for location is Shullsburg, however, Dairymen's Company has been gathering information on Benton as a back-up location if the Shullsburg location does not work out.

The board was provided a letter from the Southwest Wisconsin Transit related to a new program called LIFT. This program provides vocational transportation to people with disabilities. The program runs from January 1, 2010 – June 30, 2010.

The second reading of ordinance 5-2-9 related to Outdoor and Refuse Burning was read. *Motion (Lawrence, Droessler) to approve ordinance change 5-2-9 Outdoor and Refuse Burning. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

*Motion (Lawrence, Neis) to approve installation of high speed internet access at the wastewater treatment plant for an annual cost of \$467.40 or \$38.95 per month. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

Hendricks advised the board of two League of Wisconsin Municipalities meetings to be held in May, 2010. One is a meeting for new officials and the other is the Regional Dinner Meeting. Board members will advise if they wish to attend either so Hendricks can make reservations.

*Motion (Droessler, Walton) to approve the final bid from Municipal Pipe Tool Company, LLC in the amount of \$22,108.00. Roll- all ayes. Carried.*

*Motion (Neis, Fladseth) to approve a final bid from Water Tower Clean and Coat, Inc. in the amount of \$3,000.00. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

*Motion (Walton, Lawrence) to approve resolution 2010-002 Addendum C to Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement (MABAS). Voice vote- all ayes. Carried.*

The January 2010 police report was approved as distributed.

By general consent the first reading of the Ordinance to Amend Section 2-2-9 of the Municipal Code related to changing the start time of the Village Board's regular meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. was read.

It was agreed that a second street lighting committee meeting needs to be scheduled to review the presentations provided at the February 10, 2010, committee meeting.

*Motion (Walton, Neis) to authorize K.D. Engineering to proceed with the engineering of Arbor Street with a possible reconstruction start date of spring 2010. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

The board advised Perkins to get bids for the purchase of a new dump truck and snow plow with a purchase date of January 2011. Hendricks will advise at the next meeting what the reserve balance is for the dump truck. The difference will then be put in the 2011 budget.

*Motion (Droessler, Lawrence) to approve widening the driveway at 39 White Street from its current 45 foot width to a 65 foot width. Motion, roll-all ayes. Carried.*

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

*Motion (Neis, Fladseth) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.*