

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, June 16, 2010, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Katey Neis, Ron Fladseth, Chuck Wartner and Terry Sheffer. Absent: Lisa Lawrence (6:42 p.m.). Citizens: none. Consultants: none. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks and Ryan Carver. Others present: none. 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 (Sheffer, Walton) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 19, 2010, and the minutes from the Board of Review held May 24, 2010, as amended. Voice vote-all ayes. Carried.

Lisa Lawrence arrived at 6:42 p.m.

Ryan Carver was present with an update on the Arbor Street water and sewer utility project. Carver confirmed that both the water and sewer installation projects were completed as of 6/16/2010. The rest of the street project can now proceed and should be on schedule. Mowry's excavating will be the next contractor to prepare the base of the new street. This part of the contract should be completed by the end of June or middle of July at latest. The curb and gutter installation is to be completed by August 4, 2010, with final road gravel placed by August 11, 2010, and asphalt paving completed by August 31, 2010.

The budget for the sewer force main was approximately \$2200.00 over budget and this is mainly due to the sewer main being located deeper than originally anticipated. The sewer utility main appears to be under budget approximately \$5,700, and the water utility main portion was not calculated at the time of the meeting since it was not completed until June 16th.

Motion (Sheffer, Neis) to approve the purchase of 30 water meters at \$115.00/meter. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The vacation request for Ryan Carver for 7/2/2010 to 7/11/2010 was approved by general consent.

The vacation request for John Perkins from 6/28/2010 to 7/2/2010 was approved by general consent.

Motion (Walton, Wartner) to approve Resolution 2010-005, 2009 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The Benton Waterworks Quality Water Report 2009 was approved by general consent.

A discussion was held regarding the Village of Benton's sewer credit policy. A request had been received from the property owner at 180 First Street regarding an outside faucet that had been left running. Since the policy is that Benton Sewer Utility personnel must be able to verify and document the incident within 3 days of the incident, and since this notification did not occur within the 3 days as per the policy, *motion (Lawrence, Wartner) to deny the request.* Roll-all ayes. Carried. The board advised Hendricks to offer the property owner a deferred payment agreement to assist in paying the larger bill over a period of time.

Carver left the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Walton inquired as to when the fire siren is expected to be fixed. Hendricks indicated Perkins is working on it and should have it taken care of shortly. The issue appears to be a short in the underground wire to the siren. Perkins will be digging a new wire in since village personnel has been unable to locate the short.

Lawrence inquired as to the status of the public nuisance notices. Hendricks will check with the police department and advise the committee. Lawrence commented that the procedure

of mailing these letters versus having a police officer hand deliver them may have provided better public reception of the notices.

A complaint from neighbors regarding a fallen dead tree at 374 East Main Street was discussed. The village forester, Gary McCrea will take a look at the tree and a letter will be sent to the property owner if warranted.

A discussion was held regarding the junk vehicles located behind the property at 15 East Main Street. Officer Eric Seilor has given the owner of the vehicles until June 19th for removal.

Motion (Walton, Fladseth) to approve the Employee Grievance Policy. Roll-all ayes. Carried. This formal policy will make the procedure for grievances better understood and followed by both the village employees and village board.

The May 2010 Lafayette County Sheriff's Department monthly report was distributed.

A discussion was held regarding possible changes to the village's sound ordinance. Hendricks will look into how other communities regulate sound violations and refer back to the ordinance committee.

Motion (Walton, Lawrence) to approve the 2010-2011 renewal of the Class "B" and "Class B" liquor license for Koeller Holdings, LLC, contingent on receiving a copy of a lease agreement and letter of confirmation from the Department of Revenue that the licensee has a valid sellers permit. Roll ayes. Carried.

Motion (Lawrence, Wartner) to approve the 2010-2011 renewal of the "Class A" and Class "A" liquor license for Dougherty Depots, LLC. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Neis) to approve a Class "B" and "Class B" liquor license for Joseph F. McCrea VFW Post 7896. Roll ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Lawrence) to approve a 2010-2011 renewal of the Class "B" and "Class B" liquor license for A Bit o' the Irish, LLC. Roll: Walton-yes, Lawrence-yes, Droessler-yes, Fladseth-yes, Sheffer-yes, Lawrence-yes, McCarthy-abstain. Motion carried.

Motion (Neis, Sheffer) to approve a Class "B" and "Class B" liquor license for Ron Spillman. Roll –all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Fladseth) to approve a 2010-2011 renewal of the Class "B" fermented malt beverage license for Laura Jenkins, A Barber Shop Inn-Hotel LLC dba A Barber Shop Inn-Hotel located at 30 West Main Street in the Village of Benton. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Wartner) to approve the 2010-2011 renewal of the following operator Licenses: Patty Walton, Sara Grindey, Tony Dougherty, Gretta Dougherty, Heather McCarthy, Joe Meyer, Tory Wetter, Keri Kluck, Amanda Reuter, Alice Stillmunkes, Mary Blahnick, Robert Herbst, Tana Mootz, Carolyn McCarthy, Nicholas Neis, Katey Neis, Susan Bottoms, Chris Hoppmann, William Sides, Eldon Kruser, John Scanlan, David Kane, Laura Jenkins. Roll: Walton-yes, Lawrence-yes, Neis –abstain, Wartner-yes, Fladseth-yes, Sheffer-yes, McCrea-yes. Motion carried.

Motion (Walton, Lawrence) to approve the 2010-2011 renewal of a cigarette license for Dougherty Depots, LLC. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Fladseth) to approve a picnic license for the Benton First Responders at the Benton Fire House for July 25, 2010, 7:00 p.m. until July 26, 2010, 2:00 a.m.. Roll: Walton-yes, Lawrence-yes, Neis –abstain, Wartner-yes, Fladseth-yes, Sheffer-yes, McCrea-yes. Motion carried.

Motion (Walton, Lawrence) to approve Resolution 2010-04 Safe Routes to School. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The Village of Benton 2009 Audit Report was reviewed and accepted by general consent.

Motion (Walton, Sheffer) pursuant with Chapter 19.85 Sub (1) par (c) of WIS. STATS, to adjourn to closed session to discuss employment, promotion, compensation or performance

evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, including review of job opening for assistant clerk position. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Fladseth) to reconvene to open session. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

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

Motion (Walton, Fladseth) to adjourn. All ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.