

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, July 20, 2011, with the following members present: Rose Walton, Gary McCrea, Chuck Wartner, Cal Robbins, Terry Sheffer, Lisa Lawrence and Ron Fladseth. Absent: none. Citizens present: Jeremy Hefty, Jeffrey Smith, and Kayla Houghton. Others present: none. Employees present: Darnell Hendricks and John Perkins. 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.

Motion (Lawrence, Fladseth) to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting held June 15, 2011. Voice vote - all ayes. Motion carried.

The citizens present did not have any comments.

Perkins advised the board that Iverson Construction had been in the village, and all of the street patching was completed.

Perkins requested permission to spend approximately \$1000 for the purchase of materials and labor to have someone make a new leaf box for the dump truck. Permission granted by general consent.

Motion (Sheffer, Wartner) to purchase a new ultrasonic flow meter for the wastewater treatment plant for a cost of \$5,000.00. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

A discussion was held regarding the Swift Park parking lot. It was agreed to get prices for getting a base down first and then additional pricing for sealcoating in 2012. It was agreed that the sand and gravel bins should be moved closer to the building before this was completed.

A discussion was held regarding the new 7-9-1 thru 7-9-11 Commercial Garage and Auto Repair Shop Ordinance. The ordinance committee's recommendations for changes were discussed, and it was agreed that the ordinance will be placed on the next regular agenda for its first reading.

Perkins left at 7:04 p.m.

Motion (Robbins, Fladseth) to hire Struck and Irwin to complete the slurry sealing in the village. This will include: Bean Street from Hwy 11 north to Village limits/pavement change, and White Street from Hwy 11 to pavement change – 160 feet north of Ridge Avenue. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Lawrence) to approve providing a one-time wage increase to village employee's that directly offsets the amount each employee will have deducted from their wages for the Wisconsin Retirement System. The net effective cost to the village will be zero. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Lawrence, Sheffer) to approve hiring Dick Droessler & Sons Masonry, Inc. to install new block at the sewer plant. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

A discussion was held regarding the status of the properties in the Village that are in violation of the public nuisance ordinance. This discussion included the discussion of issuing tickets at this time to anyone in violation. It was agreed to have officer Seiler send a certified letter to each property owner and give them until August 10th to abate the nuisance. If the nuisance is not abated at this time, tickets will be issued on August 11th.

Motion (Wartner, Robbins) to approve an operator's license for Shelby Dolphin. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

By general consent the board denied the request for permission to put a large rock in the public right of way at 289 Second Street.

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 (Lawrence, Walton) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.