

A 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 in the Benton Business Incubator Building at 244 Ridge Avenue on Wednesday, June 21, 2006, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Terry Sheffer, Rose Walton, and Cal Robbins. Absent: Lori Droessler (arrived 8:00 p.m.), Ann Neis, and Ron Fladseth. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks (7:00 p.m.) and John Perkins (7:10 p.m.). Visitors/Citizens present: John Scanlan (7:11 p.m.). Consultants: 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.

By general consent, the meeting minutes of the regular meeting held May 17, 2006 and the Board of Review held June 6, 2006 were approved as amended.

By general consent the board approved lending the village's weed sprayer to local businesses.

By general consent the board approved sending Margaret Langkamp, assistant clerk, to a utility billing training, August 10, 2006.

By general consent the board approved sending Darnell Hendricks to the upcoming Wisconsin Municipal Clerk's Association conference, August 16-18th.

Pat and Carolyn McCarthy, owners of "A Bit of the Irish, LLC, were present to request permission for an outside beer garden. *Motion (Sheffer, Robbins) to approve an outside beer garden (35' X 50') and live music for "A Bit of the Irish LLC", 51 East Main Street, on June 30, 2006. The band will be allowed to play outside from 8:00 p.m.-midnight. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

A discussion was held regarding putting down black dirt and seeding the lot located at 39 East Main Street owned by the village. Hendricks will follow up with Mowry Brothers regarding getting this done.

John Perkins arrived at 7:10 p.m.

John Scanlan arrived at 7:11 p.m.

John Perkins provided the board with costs associated with an extension of the sewer main on County J south. The estimate was \$17,410 for a 600 foot sewer main extension, including two manholes, labor, and rental of an excavator. The estimate does not include any engineering or easement costs. It is assumed that the property may still require a pump to have access to the main. This main would then make sewer available to three lots (Winskell, McCarter, and Harris). The sewer committee will look at this further and determine the maximum amount per hookup and the maximum payback period the village is willing to allocate to this type of extension.

By general consent the board approved allowing the Benton Fire Department to install poles at Whaley Court near the ice rink for practice water fights.

Sheffer provided an update on the actions of the public nuisance committee.

McCrea reported on the status of the Lafayette Development Corporation (LDC) and its plan to expand its board membership to include more business people, farmers, etc.

McCrea indicated the Lafayette County Sheriff's department is in the process of hiring a police officer to work almost exclusively in the Village of Benton. The officer is supposed to be relocating to this area and will start training in early July.

Parking for semi's delivering to Zephyr Depot was discussed and by general consent the board agreed that it was up to the business owner to assist the delivery trucks in finding a legal parking area for loading and unloading.

Lance McNaughton-Lafayette Development Corporation (LDC) interim director, explained the status of the corporation. Lance indicated that the LDC would be meeting on June 27, 2006, and would be discussing its plan to expand its board membership to include more business people, farmers, etc.

McNaughton inquired as to whether the board had any other suggestions for the LDC. McNaughton indicated he would be back to a meeting this fall to provide a status report.

McCrea reported that the Police Committee had met and recommends not hiring its own officer at this time. The recommendation was to continue with the contracted services through Lafayette County Sheriff's department.

The Open Book dates of July 6th and July 7th, along with the Board of Review date of July 12th, 2006 were reviewed.

Motion (Walton, Sheffer) to allow an outside 30' X 30' beer garden for the Benton First Responders dance at the Benton Incubator Building on July 15, 2006. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Robbins) to accept the bid of \$50.00 for the slide in the village park. Roll- all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Robbins, Walton) to authorize a Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License-Joseph F. McCrea Post 7896 located at 82 East Main Street. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Walton) to authorize a Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License-Zephyr Depot located at 119 E. Main Street. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Robbins, Sheffer) to authorize a Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License-A Bit O' the Irish, LLC, located at 51 East Main Street. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Walton) to authorize a Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License-G G's Tap located at 62 E. Main Street. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Robbins) to authorize a Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License-The Hideout located at 46 East Main Street. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Robbins, Walton) to authorize cigarette license renewals for Zephyr Depot, A Bit O' the Irish, LLC, G G's Tap, and The Hideout. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Robbins, Sheffer) to authorize the list of 2006-2007 operator's license renewals including the following individuals: Joyce Koeller, Brandy Grindey, Cindy Guentherman, Tony Dougherty, Kyle Kilcoyne, Crystal Erdenberger, Amy Babino, Diane Fuller, Mary Blahnick, Robert Herbst, Carol Runde, Carolyn McCarthy, Katey McCarthy, John Scanlan, Eldon Kruser, Carl Langkamp, Steve Symons, Dave Watson, contingent on certification of training and verification from the police department regarding criminal history checks. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

A letter from Alliant Energy explaining its underbilling of transmission charges from November 2004 to May 2006 was distributed.

The board reviewed and approved by general consent the Benton Waterworks Quality Report for 2005. This report will be published in the June 22nd issue of the Tri-County Press.

Lori Droessler arrived at 8:00 p.m.

Motion (Sheffer, Robbins) to approve the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report and Resolution for 2006. Voice vote-all ayes. Carried.

The board reviewed the public nuisance procedure. It was reiterated that the police officer should be including copies of pictures of the nuisance with the violation information to the violator. Three picture copies; village office, police office, and violator, will be made in the future.

By general consent the board approved continuation of Ryan Carver's compensation during his response to fire calls during working hours even though he is currently an auxiliary member of the fire department.

By general consent the board approved Jim Goffinet's vacation request for July 5th-July 10th.

Motion (Robbins, Sheffer) to approve the bid from Peerless Service Company to perform pump inspection services on the Village's Well number one, for a low bid of \$1,150.00. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Droessler, Walton) to pass Resolution Discontinuing Treganza Street. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Perkins left at 8:15 p.m.

Motion (Robbins, 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 current job descriptions for all employees. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

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

Motion (Droessler, Sheffer) to direct the personnel committee to meet and reevaluate and reorganize job descriptions of all village employees. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

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

Motion (Sheffer, Robbins) to adjourn. All ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Approved 7/26/06

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