

The regular meeting of the Benton Village Board was called to order by Village President, Gary McCrea, at 7:00 p.m. at 244 Ridge Avenue in the conference room of the Benton Business Incubator building on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, with the following members present: Rose Walton, Katey McCarthy, Lisa Lawrence, Ann Neis, Terry Sheffer, Gary McCrea, and Lori Droessler (7:05 p.m.). Absent: none. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks and Jim Goffinet. Consultants present: none. Citizens: none. In compliance with the open meeting law, proper notice of the meeting had been posted in four public places; Benton State Bank, Benton Post Office, Benton Business Incubator Building, and Zephyr Depot.

*Motion (Sheffer, Walton) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 15, 2007, and the special meeting held September 5, 2007. Voice vote-all ayes. Carried.*

Lisa Lawrence inquired about the sensor for the Main Street lights. It appears the lights are coming on later than desired, however a new sensor was recently installed so the options are limited. Walton volunteered to keep an eye on it and report back to the board. Lawrence also reported that she has been researching grants for new playground equipment for the village parks.

McCrea informed the board that Russ Feingold is to be in Darlington from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Friday, September 21, 2007.

The board reviewed the information distributed related to the sight selected by the United States Postal Service for its new post office. The sight selected is a portion of an existing building located at 33 Bean Street, Benton, WI.

A first reading was held for an amendment to Section 7-1-6 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Benton, Restrictions on Keeping of Dogs, Cats, Fowl and Other Animals.

*Motion (Lawrence, Droessler) to approve the written procedure for dogs running at large. Voice-all ayes. Carried.*

*Motion (Droessler, Neis) to authorize the use of the \$748.80 recently received from Lafayette County for dog license reimbursements to build a dog kennel for one dog to be placed on village property. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

A discussion was held related to a recent incident in which a village employee was harassed by a local citizen. McCrea will speak to Sheriff Pedley about the incident.

The preferred procedure for handling rabid animals was discussed. It was determined that the proposed amendment to section 7-1-6 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Benton would address this issue.

The purchase of fire sirens from Platteville Fire Department was discussed. Chief Langkamp is gathering more information related to these sirens for the next regular meeting.

Jim Goffinet left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

*Motion (Walton, Lawrence) to authorize an expenditure of up to \$200.00 for the purchase a new digital camera for village use. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

*Motion (Droessler, McCarthy) to approve the fall leaf and brush dates as presented. Voice-all ayes. Carried.*

*Motion (Sheffer, Neis) to approve the sale of a lot in the Roling Oaks subdivision to the Benton Community Development Corporation. Roll: Lawrence-yes, Neis-yes, Walton-abstain, Droessler-abstain, Sheffer-yes, McCarthy-yes, McCrea-yes. Motion carried with 5 yes and 2 abstentions.*

*Motion (Droessler, Lawrence) to approve the first reading of an Ordinance to Amend Section 10-1-143 (f) (2) and (g) of the Municipal Code of the Village of Benton related to Swimming Pool Fences. Voice-all ayes. Carried.*

*Motion (Sheffer, Neis) to approve an operator's license for Danette Brink. Voice-all ayes. Carried.*

*Motion (Neis, Lawrence) to approve Resolution 2007-005 Regarding the Village of Benton Being Insured In The Local Government Property Insurance Fund. Voice vote-all ayes. Carried.*

The board deferred action on Resolution 2007-007 regarding the Village of Benton Investment Policy until the next regular meeting.

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

*Motion (McCarthy, Lawrence) to adjourn. Voice vote-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.*

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