

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, September 18, 2013, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Jessica Polfer, Jim Sysko, Terry Sheffer, Chuck Wartner and Cal Robbins. Absent: none. Citizens present: Dan Keleher, Jeff Droessler and Todd Bastian. Employees: Beverly Hitz 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 (Sysko, Robbins) to accept the meeting minutes of the regular village board meeting held August 21, 2013, and the parks committee meeting held September 17, 2013 as presented. Voice-all ayes. Carried.*

Dan Keleher presented his concerns about trees that need to be trimmed at the intersection of Bean Street and Highway 11, also along Cross Street and Jenkynsville Road. The biggest danger is for tractors and semis; they cannot see oncoming traffic. The trees had been trimmed on Highway 11; we will decide if we can trim them further. We will contact the owners involved on Cross Street and on Jenkynsville Road. The board agreed to follow up on trimming. Dan will let us know if he has any further problems.

Jeff Droessler and Todd Bastian presented a proposal for improvements at Swift Park. Phase 1 of the project will be to replace the right field fence. The plan is to use a 16 foot chain link fence. Jim Sysko and Gary McCrea brought up concerns about cleaning, maintenance and garbage removal at the park. Jeff Droessler agreed that there are some issues that need to be resolved.

*Motion (Sheffer, Sysko) to approve up to \$5,000 towards this project, with the stipulation that the maintenance program at Swift Park be evaluated. Voice-all ayes. Carried.*

John Perkins explained that the street project was almost complete, just finishing up the seeding. The new utility truck chasis is in Dubuque for addition of the box and crane. Jim is working on bids for tree trimming.

Jim Sysko gave a brief update from the Parks Committee about the meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Jim stated that if they have to cut down trees, they will be replaced. No action was taken.

Gary contacted John Exo at the UW Extension Office as well as the DNR and EPA to discuss the phosphorus issue. John has agreed to an informational public meeting in November. Gary is working on the date and time. Authorization to hire a consultant was tabled.

*Motion (Sysko, Walton) to reimburse Carver, Goffinet, Hitz and Perkins \$40.00 per month for use of their personal cell phones beginning October 1, 2013. Voice-all ayes. Carried.*

*Motion (Robbins, Walton) to approve the Certified Survey Map for the Dorothy L Pinch Estate. Austin Engineering LLC, dated August 15, 2013. Voice-all ayes. Carried.*

*Motion (Walton, Polfer) to approve 2013 fall leaf and garden waste pick-up October 21-25 and November 4-9, brush collection November 6-8, and supervised burn dates October 25-November 3. Voice-all ayes. Carried.*

The Board discussed Garbage and Recycling. We have had ongoing issues with tire marks, garbage that is not picked up, garbage strewn on the highway, etc. We talked about a proposal submitted by Faherty, Incorporated in Platteville. Bev Hitz will look into our options at this time. A letter summarizing all issues will be sent to Allied Waste.

*Motion (Robbins, Sheffer) to approve payment of \$47.45 to Terry Farrey for surge protectors damaged during an electrical outage, replaced on June 26, 2013. He will have to sign an agreement that there is no further liability for the Village of Benton, and he has been paid in full. Voice-all ayes. Carried.*

*Motion (Polfer, Walton) to pass Resolution #2013-5, publication, filing, inspection and adoption*

*of a Code of General Ordinances.* Voice-all ayes. Carried

No action was taken on renewal of software support, Hach/JOB CAL. Ryan has determined that this is actually an upgrade to our existing software that we would never use.

*Motion (Sheffer, Sysko) to approve Ryan Carver’s attendance at a Phosphorus Demonstration in Fondulac on September 26<sup>th</sup>.* Voice-all ayes. Carried

August police report was not available.

A discussion took place regarding various issues that need to be addressed including maintenance of the village website, cleaning, maintenance and security of park bathrooms.

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

*Motion (Sheffer, Sysko) to adjourn.* Voice-all ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

**RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

**October 16, 2013**

**September GENERAL RECEIPTS**

Benton State Bank-interest.....	23.59
Fire Dept Payback-Town of Benton & New Diggings.....	8091.10
Park Rental.....	75.00
Mileage Reimbursement-from Sparta.....	90.40
Tax Settlement-August tax settlement.....	104633.47
Tires.....	8.00
Dog Licenses.....	75.50
Refuse Collections-garbage.....	4455.43
TOTAL.....	117,452.49

**September/October GENERAL DISBURSEMENTS**

Alliant Energy-garage,lib,fire house gas.....	38.51
Allied Waste-recycling & refuse pick up.....	4,281.46
Bard Materials-14 cu. Yards, F40 fibers macro, 2.5 c.yards.....	1,798.00
Benton Muni. Utilities-garage,parks, FD,flasher,st lights,lib,boy sct cabin.....	7,596.63
Benton State Bank-September library rent \$425.....	425.00
CenturyLink- lib,police,FD phone & siren & long distance.....	65.16
Citgo-police, parks, st light, FD, streets, grounds,recycling fuel expense.....	1,011.57
Doris Sheffer Memorial Fund.....	50.00
Electronic Federal Tax Payment Services-taxes (SS, Med, Fed) settle 9/4/2013.....	2,349.81
Electronic Federal Tax Payment Services-taxes (SS, Med, Fed) settle 9/18/2013.....	2,230.50
Employee Trust Funds-insurance w/h.....	4,479.70
Employee Trust Funds-retirement w/h August.....	3,503.62
Fawcett's Garage-John's truck: oil, alternator; old red: oil & fluid change.....	274.35
Gardiner Appraisal-assessment maintenance June-August.....	812.50
Gassers-park, st lighting, office, street supplies.....	169.56
General Code-add'l legislation; billing; ecode.....	3,376.00
The Hartford-9/13 deferred comp.....	236.41
Keleher Farms-49 straw bales for seeding street proj.....	147.00
Lafayette Cty Sherriff's Dept-policing 7/23/2013-8/17/2013.....	4,408.00
Lawinger Brothers Construction-curb & gutter, flatwork 3rd & 3rd project.....	20,103.80
Lawrence's Pub & Eatery-pizza summer workers.....	32.00
McCrea, Gary-mileage to pick up truck.....	22.60
MHTC-FD internet.....	38.95
Midwest Business Products-copies.....	13.05
Mowry Brothers-rock,rip rap, stone at bins, Hwy 11, 2nd to J. Fawcetts.....	680.50

Northern Safety & Industrial-ear plugs .....	73.10
Principal Life-life insurance.....	246.43
Schrenk Bros. Roofing-Fire station roof .....	10,730.00
Sherwin-Williams-white DOT paint (school to reimburse) .....	147.60
Symons, Katherine-cleaning office and library 8/21-9/15 .....	240.00
Sysko, James-sprayer for flowers .....	8.43
Truck Country-FD repair air leak .....	430.49
Virtue Motors-2014 Ford F-250 .....	19,066.50
Weber Paper Company-tp, trash liners .....	106.17
WI Department of Revenue-state w/h tax August .....	1,416.08
Zephyr Depot-gas for watering flowers.....	10.54
Ryan Carver-8/30 payroll less taxes.....	1,253.89
James Goffinet-8/30 payroll less taxes .....	1,072.73
Beverly Hitz-8/30 payroll less taxes.....	1,495.83
Janet Johnson-8/30 payroll less taxes .....	266.90
Kathleen Leverton-8/30 payroll less taxes .....	56.80
Emma Neis-8/30 payroll less taxes .....	466.44
John Perkins-8/30 payroll less taxes .....	1,247.29
Elizabeth Schoenmann-8/30 payroll less taxes.....	734.11
Susan Ward-8/30 payroll less taxes .....	234.98
Ryan Carver-9/13 payroll less taxes.....	1,225.68
James Goffinet-9/13 payroll less taxes .....	1,176.88
Beverly Hitz-9/13 payroll less taxes.....	1,327.46
Robert Hoyer Jr.-9/13 payroll less taxes .....	102.51
Janet Johnson-9/13 payroll less taxes .....	323.11
Kathleen Leverton-9/13 payroll less taxes .....	85.19
Emma Neis-9/13 payroll less taxes .....	125.84
John Perkins-9/13 payroll less taxes .....	1,277.61
Elizabeth Schoenmann-9/13 payroll less taxes.....	569.47
Susan Ward-9/13 payroll less taxes .....	89.70
TOTAL .....	103,752.44

**September ELECTRIC & WATER RECEIPTS**

Electric Collections .....	64,179.49
Water-scrap metal .....	328.70
Water Collections.....	15,637.17
TOTAL .....	80,145.36

**September/October ELECTRIC & WATER DISBURSEMENTS**

Alliant Energy-pump house, well 2 gas .....	25.35
Alliant Energy-purchased power(bill not received yet) .....	
Border States Electric Supply-waypoint spotlight yellow.....	68.50
CenturyLink-ele, pumphouse phone & long distance.....	259.53
Citgo-ele fuel expense.....	177.01
Fawcett's Garage-Ryan's truck: Blower motor,brakes; John-oil, alternator .....	376.02
Gassers-wtr, ele supplies .....	102.03
Martelle Water Treatment-chemicals.....	199.70
Midwest Business Products-copies .....	26.10
Seera-Focus on Energy-8/2013 public benefit fees .....	343.83
Skarshaug Testing Laboratory-clean & test glove.....	55.01
Sysko's Sports Books-shipping .....	11.87
United States Postal Service-utility bill postage .....	123.75
WI State Lab of Hygiene-wtr test.....	20.00
WI Department of Revenue-Sales & Use Tax August.....	2,055.14
TOTAL .....	3,843.84

**September SEWER RECEIPTS**

Kruser Septic discharge-June .....	975.98
Sewer scrap metal sold .....	347.70
Sewer Collections .....	17,553.57
TOTAL .....	18,877.25

**September/October SEWER DISBURSEMENTS**

Alliant Energy-wwtp & sewer storage gas .....	24.96
Benton Municipal Utilities-WWTP & LS utilities .....	1,033.45
CenturyLink-WWTP phone & long distance .....	37.32
Citgo-fuel .....	148.54
Fawcett's Garage-Ryan's truck: blower motor & connector module, brakes.....	157.21
Gasser's-swr supplies.....	32.40
Kruser Septic-water jetting main.....	326.25
Kuhl's Appliance Repair-thermostat replacement labor .....	75.00
LV Laboratories-swr testing.....	458.00
MHTC-WWTP internet.....	38.95
Midwest Business Products-copies .....	13.05
Sysko's Sports Books-swr sample shipping .....	251.02
Zephyr Depot-ice .....	4.38
TOTAL .....	2,600.53