

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, January 18, 2017, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Chuck Wartner, Rose Walton, Terry Sheffer, Kenneth Farrey and Cal Robbins. Absent: Jessica Polfer. Village employees present: Sonya Silvers and Ryan Carver. Others present: Jessica Morrison, Ben Heidemann, Greg Drossler. 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 (Wartner, Walton) to approve minutes from the regular village board meeting held on December 7th, 2016 as presented. Voice-all ayes. Carried*

Jessica Morrison from Suez delivered a presentation on a tank maintenance program for the water tower. Based on an inspection of the water tower done prior, the Village will need to do maintenance in the next 1-2 years. A discussion of the many benefits of the program followed. Jessica will put some numbers on pricing together and present at a later time.

Ben Heidemann and Greg Drossler from Town and Country Engineering presented additional information for The Phosphorus Compliance Plan. A lengthy discussion of the many options followed and a discussion was made to move forward with the SorbX pilot test. Ben will submit the necessary reports to get the pilot test started.

*Motion (Robbins, Wartner) to approve the SorbX pilot test .*

Roll-all ayes. Carried

Ryan Carver let the board know that Eric Mowry is moving forward with pricing for purchasing the mini excavator and will present the numbers at the February 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Ryan Carver left the meeting at 8:05p.m.

Kenneth Farrey presented his concern about vehicles at Quality Motors blocking the view of traffic at that intersection. Review of the Village ordinance and ways to resolve this issue were discussed.

*Motion (Robbins, Wartner) to approve Beverly Hitz Vacation Request.*

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 (Farrey, Sheffer) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.*