

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 20, 2016, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Jim Sysko, Terry Sheffer, Rose Walton, Jessica Polfer and Cal Robbins. Absent: Chuck Wartner. Village employees present: Beverly Hitz and Jim Goffinet. Others present: Leo Scanlan 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 (Sheffer, Sysko) to approve minutes from the budget hearing and regular village board meeting held on December 2, 2015 as presented. Roll-all ayes. Carried*

Leo Scanlan presented his request for funds to help with the utilities and insurance costs at Swindler's Ridge Museum for 2016. *Motion (Sysko, Sheffer) to approve up to \$1,000 for Swindler's Ridge Museum in 2016. We will pay \$300 towards their utilities and pay the insurance premium of approximately \$435 the balance of the \$1,000 can be used upon request if needed. Roll-all ayes. Carried*

The November and December 2015 police reports were approved by general consent.

First Read of amendment #2016-01 Vehicles All Terrain ord #317-3

First Read of amendment #2016-02 Construction and repair of sidewalks ord #288-4

First Read of amendment #2016-03 Truancy ordinance #361-6

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

*Motion (Polfer, Sheffer) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.*