

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, February 19, 2014, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Jessica Polfer, Chuck Wartner, Jim Sysko and Cal Robbins. Absent: Terry Sheffer. Citizens present: None Employees: Beverly Hitz and Jim Goffinet. Others Present: None Proper notice of the meeting had been posted in four public places; the Benton Business Incubator Building, Benton State Bank, Benton Post Office, and the Zephyr Depot, in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

*Motion (Walton, Sysko) to accept the meeting minutes of the regular village board meeting held January 15, 2014, as presented. Voice-all ayes. Carried.*

Jim Goffinet reported that Steitz Tree Service took down the big tree in the Village Park last week. They will be back to remove the rest but had to take time off for snow removal. He took his truck to Windy Hill Repair, LLC in Hazel Green. They ordered a new mount for the snow plow blade, which should be fixed and ready to go tomorrow, February 20<sup>th</sup>. We have plans to do some patching, seal coating, and one possible slurry seal on our roads in 2014. We will seal the parking lot again at Swift Park. We will have our engineer, Keith Dalsing, look at Galena Street for repair in 2015.

The board is requesting that the Veterans Memorial Project be completed by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. They are also asking that John Perkins update the electrical at the bandstand since we will have the ground torn up.

The board had a discussion about frost levels and water laterals in the Village. It was decided by general consent to have everyone in the Village run a continuous 1/4"- 3/8" diameter stream of cold water from a faucet in their home until further notice from our water department. Beverly will send this notice to the local radio and television stations tomorrow, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The board also discussed concerns for plowing sidewalks with trucks or skid steers. This is considered an illegal act, and their insurance would not cover any damage incurred.

Beverly informed the board that we would be estimating the water consumption for those utility meters that we could not read in February because of extreme weather.

*Motion (Sysko, Polfer) approval for Ryan Carver to attend the Annual WRWA Conference March 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> in Green Bay. Voice-all ayes. Carried.*

*Motion (Polfer, Wartner) to renew the Local Government Property Insurance Fund Policy for 6/1/2014-6/1/2015 with the stipulation that we will request a \$2500 deductible. Voice-all ayes. Carried.*

The January 2014 police report was reviewed and approved by general consent.

The board reviewed correspondence received from Alliant Energy related to Non-Summer Period Energy Bandwidth Calculation.

It was determined that four board members and employees will attend the upcoming Lafayette County Highway Department Annual Municipality Meeting on Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

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

*Motion (Polfer, Sysko) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.*