

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, March 19, 2014, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Jessica Polfer, Chuck Wartner, Jim Sysko, Terry Sheffer and Cal Robbins. Citizens present: None Employees: Beverly Hitz and Ryan Carver. 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, Polfer) to accept the amended meeting minutes of the regular village board meeting and the street lighting committee meeting held February 19, 2014, as presented. Voice-all ayes. Carried.

Ryan Carver reviewed the plan and cost for rubber mulch at the parks. He suggested that we put sod in the area next to the curbs. Ryan would like to get the welcome sign repainted. The board agreed by general consent.

Beverly Hitz reported that training of our new Election Inspectors, Jill Knight and Janis Blaine, took place on March 12th.

Jim Sysko reported that Steitz Tree Service has not finished the tree removal at Village Park. He will give them two weeks to complete. He suggested that we purchase a rain barrel for watering plants on Main Street. Jim also asked if we could clean up the roadsides by Swift Park where people get in and out of their vehicles.

Gary contacted the League of Wisconsin Municipalities regarding Phosphorus removal. They agreed that it should not be an issue for the Village to resolve, however, he has not been able to get much involvement from Lafayette County at this point. Ryan has been doing extra testing of phosphorus levels on a monthly basis. He will touch base with John Exo from the UW Extension to see if there have been any updates. Gary received a request from Benton Township. They need storage space for cold mix. The board discussed some options and suggested that Jim Goffinet look at this when he returns from vacation.

Motion (Sysko, Sheffer) to approve dates presented for spring leaf & brush collection, supervised burning, and village wide garage sales. Voice-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sysko, Sheffer) to approve purchase of new lawn tractor and mower deck, less trade in allowance, from Sloan Implement Company, Inc. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The Board agreed by general consent to advertise for an Animal Control Officer.

The Board agreed by general consent to sell the remaining Christmas decorations for \$5.00 each.

The Board agreed by general consent to advertise for bids on the 1992 red Chevy pickup.

Motion (Sheffer, Robbins) to approve carryover of 40 vacation hours for Ryan Carver. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The Board agreed by general consent to approve that Char Reynolds purchase plants as needed for replacement at the Village Park this year.

Motion (Sheffer, Walton) to approve expenses for Beverly Hitz to attend the LWMMI Policyholder Conference April 10-11. Voice-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Wartner) to approve an Operator's License for Sarah McCarthy. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

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

Motion (Sysko, Wartner) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:18p.m.