

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, April 16th, 2014 with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Jessica Polfer, Chuck Wartner, Terry Sheffer, and Cal Robbins. Absent: Jim Sysko. Citizens present: Melanie Austin Employees: Beverly Hitz and John Perkins. 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 meeting minutes of the regular village board meeting held March 19th, 2014 as presented. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Robbins) to approve request for Annual Galena Street Block Party on Saturday, July 19th. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

John Perkins confirmed that hanging baskets and banners will be the same pattern as last year. He would like to confirm the number of outlets to be added to the Village Park bandstand. He will check with Jim Sysko and Aaron Erdenberger. He suggested that the Parks Committee meet to decide what trees we will be planted to replace the ones removed and lights on the flagpole. Confirmation of the plans for the Veterans Memorial is also needed. Rose and Jessica will get a Parks Committee meeting scheduled. John reported that we have numerous items that need to be sold. He will get a list put together so we can advertise them.

Beverly Hitz reported that a termination of contract letter was sent to Allied Waste on April 4th. We have requested proposals for garbage/recycling beginning July 15th, 2014. The library has reimbursed the Village for the overage in the 2013 budget year. We have received our recycling grant award for 2013.

Motion (Robbins, Walton) to hire Emma Neis at \$10 per hour for the summer. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Robbins, Wartner) to hire Lucas Kastner for the position of Animal Control Officer; compensation will remain as budgeted. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Bids for the 1992 Chevy Truck were opened by Gary McCrea. We will sell the truck to Larry and Carol Foht for \$501.00.

Motion (Walton, Robbins) to authorize Hitz to attend Board of Review Training in Mineral Point on May 6th, Treasurer's completion training July 13th-18th in Green Bay, and WMCA conference Aug 20th-22nd. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Wartner, Robbins) to approve the purchase of a server/backup recommended by Andrew Edgerton to upgrade our computer system. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Discussion took place regarding upgrade to our utility meter reading system. The Board decided to table this and have Ryan Carver present more information at the May meeting.

Open Book will be held May 1st from 8-10 a.m., and Board of Review will be held May 15th at 4 p.m.

Garbage/Recycling proposals are due back on May 15th and will be discussed at the June board meeting.

The March 2014 police report was presented.

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

Motion (Walton, Polfer) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:37p.m.