

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, May 16, 2016, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Chuck Wartner, Cal Robbins, Rose Walton, Terry Sheffer, Jim Sysko and Jessica Polfer. Village employees present: Beverly Hitz and Ryan Carver. Others Present: Terry Farrey. 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, Walton) to approve minutes from the regular village board meeting and the public nuisance committee meeting held on April 20, 2016 as presented. Voice-all ayes. Carried

Terry Farrey presented bills from the repair of his sewer line and requested reimbursement based on his understanding of where and why the sewer line failed. Ryan Carver presented his report of the damage based on his discussion with Kruser and Kern. After much discussion it was decided that we would get Kruser and Kern together to confirm the exact Location and what needed correction so we can determine who is responsible. We have received a bill from Kern for what he determined to be our share of the cost.

Terry Sheffer stated that the fire siren near him is still not working. Bev will let Jim Goffinet know.

Jim Sysko mentioned the concrete in the village park pavilion. Ryan explained that this is a part of the plan for repair this summer and is in the budget.

Gary informed the board that he is still working on the getting the no passing zone redone on the hill going west out of town at the intersection of white street and highway 11. He also mentioned that we are still working on the phosphorous issue and that Bret Pulvermacher is no longer available for the summer lawn mowing position.

Bev Hitz informed the board of a 2% increase for garbage and recycling from Dittmer Recycling, Inc. This is included in our contract with them and will take effect 7-15-16.

Motion (Walton, Sysko) to approve hiring Kyle Majerus for the summer lawn mowing position that will include watering the flowers 7 days a week. The salary remains at \$10.00 per hour. Roll-all ayes. Carried

The board reviewed a proposal from MPIC to replace the LGPIF insurance for buildings, personal property, property in the open and contractor's equipment. LGPIF is increasing premiums 41%.

Motion (Sysco, Robbins) to adopt Resolution No. 2016-01 to withdraw from the Local Government Property Insurance Fund as of June 1st, 2016. Roll-all ayes. Carried

Motion (Sheffer, Robbins) to accept the proposal from MPIC insurance with an annual cost of \$6,942 for insurance to replace the Local Government Property Insurance Fund beginning June 1st, 2016. Roll-all ayes. Carried

Motion (Sheffer, Robbins) to approve the request from the Benton Bible Church to close the section of First Street in front of the Benton Bible Church on Sunday May 22nd, 2016 for a going away party for their pastor. Roll-all ayes. Carried

The board approved the April 2016 Police Report as presented
Village & School Boards discussed lights at the football field-School Board Minutes attached.

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

Motion (Sheffer, Walton) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Voice-all Ayes. Carried