

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, June 18th, 2014 with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Jessica Polfer, Jim Sysko, Chuck Wartner and Terry Sheffer. Absent: Cal Robbins. Citizens present: Sharon Bastian. Employees: Beverly Hitz and Jim Goffinet. 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, Sheffer) to accept the meeting minutes of the regular village board meeting held May 21st, 2014 and Ordinance Committee meeting held June 12th, 2014 as presented. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Beverly Hitz advised that the Village had received a dividend from the LGPIF in the amount of \$2,582.00 this equals 32% of our 2013 Workman's Comp Insurance premium. We also reduced our 2014-2015 premium by \$1,384.20 (20%) by increasing our deductible from \$500 to \$2,500 for building and property insurance.

Terry Sheffer commented that during the evaluation of sidewalks in the Village, they discovered that numerous houses had no house numbers, or they were not visible from the front of the property. He requested that we put an article in the newsletter to remind residents of the Village Ordinance #288-15-G(2-3).

Jim Sysko explained that one of our new trees in Village Park would have to be moved. They had to move the sidewalk because of a change in the Veterans Memorial plans. Redfearn Tree Service will move the tree this fall.

Gary advised that the Village of Shullsburg has requested that we provide an electrical apprenticeship for their new public works employee. He will come to Benton to receive his training over a period of 2 years, this will be intermittent as projects are done in Benton. Shullsburg will reimburse the Village of Benton for a portion of Jim Goffinet's wages. *Motion (Sysko, Polfer) to approve training by Jim Goffinet for new employee at Shullsburg.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Gary suggested that we move the July board meeting as Terry Sheffer will be unavailable for the month of July, and Gary will be unavailable on the 16th. The board moved the meeting to July 10th by general consent. He also informed the board that a representative from the Governor's office will be here on Friday, June 20th. They will be touring the BBI and other areas of interest in the county. He also mentioned that the Veterans Memorial monuments should be here next Wednesday.

Jim reported that he had spent the day in Platteville with the Village of Benton dump truck to assist in removing brush from the storm damaged areas. The City of Platteville was very appreciative of our help. He also mentioned that we would be hiring Mowry's to bring in fill for the landscaping around the Veteran's Memorial, and the Benton football team is looking for community service work. They would be willing to assist with the landscaping. Lafayette County Highway Department will be estimating the cost of patching, seal coating, and crack filling. Hot mix would have to be done by Mathy Construction.

Motion (Walton, Sheffer) to confirm the Recycling/Solid Waste Services Contract has been awarded to Dittmer Recycling, Inc. Roll-all ayes. Carried. Beverly Hitz explained that the final pick up day for Allied Waste will be on July 15th, 2014. They will pick up all their recycling bins on that day also. Dittmer Recycling will begin picking up garbage and recycling on Thursday July 24th.

Keeping of Chickens Ordinance #115-12-F second reading. *Motion (Sheffer, Sysko) to adopt Keeping of Chickens Ordinance #115-12-F.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The board tabled the discussion of crack filling until the July 10th meeting. We have not received our estimate from Lafayette County.

The May 2014 police report was presented.

Motion (Wartner, Walton) to approve Ryan Carver's request for vacation June 30th – July 3rd. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Polfer, Walton) to approve Compliance Maintenance Resolution 2014-01 and Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for 2013. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The Benton Waterworks Quality Report for 2013 was approved by general consent.

The Board tabled review of compensation for board members until July 10th meeting.

Audited Financial Statements for year ended December 31, 2013, were distributed.

Possible change of the summer recreation supervision responsibilities was discussed. Gary will set up a meeting with the Benton Schools and the Benton Booster club to review.

Motion (Walton, Wartner) to approve the renewal of Class "A" and Class "A" liquor license for Dougherty Depots, LLC. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Polfer, Sheffer) to approve the renewal of Class "B" and Class "B" liquor license for Lawrence Outback, , LLC. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sysko, Wartner) to approve the renewal of Class "B" and Class "B" liquor license for Joseph F. McCrea VFW Post 7896. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Walton) to approve the renewal of Class "B" and Class "B" liquor license for A Bit O' the Irish, LLC. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sysko, Wartner) to approve the renewal of Class "B" and Class "B" liquor license for Ronald Spillman. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Polfer) to approve the 2014-2015 Operator License renewals- Shane Lawrence, Bradley Lawrence, Rory Lawrence, Timothy Lawrence, Travis T Gray, Jonathon L Bailey, Ashley Burkart, Shawna Randecker, Cody Feuchtenberger, Gretta M Dougherty, Alice Stillmunkes, Tony Dougherty, Dennis Stillmunkes, John J. Scanlan, David C Crane, Eldon Kruser, William J Sides, Carolyn K McCarthy, Katey Neis, Nicholas Neis, Patrick McCarthy, Sarah McCarthy, Ron Spillman.. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Sysko) to approve the renewal of a Cigarette License for 2014-2015 for the Dougherty Depots, LLC dba Zephyr Depot. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

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

Jim Sysko informed everyone that a benefit was being planned for August 16th, 2014 for Connie Brown. A permit for this event will be requested at the July 10th meeting.

Motion (Wartner, Polfer) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:17p.m.