

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, July 16th, 2014 with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Jessica Polfer, Jim Sysko, Chuck Wartner and Cal Robbins. Rose Walton arrived at 6:50 p.m. Absent: Terry Sheffer. Citizens present: none. Employees: Elizabeth Schoenmann 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 (Sysko, Walton) to accept the meeting minutes of the regular village board meeting held June 18th, 2014 and Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held July 9th, 2014 with corrections. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Jim Goffinet notified the board that a family was interested in purchasing a park bench for a memorial. By general consent the board agreed this would be offered. Jim also informed the board a damaged flag pole was available for purchase as a discounted rate of \$195.00, which could replace the pole outside the village office. *Motion (Sysko, Wartner) to purchase discounted flag pole. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

Goffinet presented bids for crack filling. Lafayette County's bid was \$7500 for crack filling in the Roling Oaks subdivision. Bids from the county for repairs to the well house driveway, Park Ave., Swift Park parking lot, Swift Park driveway, and ~150-180 Water St. were \$15,000-16,000 for patching, \$3,000 for fog seal, and \$2,000 for paver. *Motion (Polfer, Sysko) to approve bids from Lafayette County for crack filling, patching, fog seal, and paver. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

Goffinet informed the board that sod for the park was expected to arrive 7/22 or 7/23.

Motion (Walton, Polfer) to appoint Sherri Timmerman as Election Inspector. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Goffinet left at 6:52 p.m.

Motion (Walton, Sysko) to approve replacement class B retail licenses for GG's Tap, McCarthy's, Joseph McCrea Post 7896, and Lawrence's Pub & Eatery for 10:00 a.m. August 16, 2014 through 7:30 p.m. August 16, 2014 with fee waived due to benefit. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Robbins, Wartner) to approve operator licenses for Tana Mootz, Mary Blahnik, and Robert J Herbst. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Robbins, Polfer) to approve John Perkins' vacation request for 7/21-7/25 and carryover of 40 vacation hours. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Robbins, Walton) to approve Beverly Hitz's vacation request for 8/4-8/8. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The June police report was not available for distribution.

Pursuant with Chapter 19.85 Sub(1) par (c) and par (e) of WIS. STATS., *motion (Walton, Wartner) to adjourn to closed session to discuss employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business. Roll-all ayes. Carried. Adjourned to closed session at 7:00 p.m.*

Robbins left at 7:00 p.m.

Motion (Sysko, Polfer) to reconvene to open session. Roll-all ayes. Carried. Reconvened to open session at 7:12 p.m.

Motion (Walton, Sysko) to increase village board trustee and president's annual base salary by 25%. Roll-all ayes. Carried. Village trustee base salary will be \$625 and president will be \$1500.

Committee reports were heard. Chuck Wartner would like to schedule a public nuisance committee meeting. Gary McCrea informed the board that Ryan Carver, water superintendent, notified him of the need for repair to well #1. A special board meeting will be scheduled to discuss this topic.

McCrea informed the board that a request was received requesting a proclamation in order to increase awareness of September as National Spinal Cord Awareness Month. By general consent it was agreed to endorse the proclamation.

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

Motion (Wartner, Sysko) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.