

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, August 19, 2015, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Jessica Polfer, Chuck Wartner, Terry Sheffer and Jim Sysko. Absent: Cal Robbins. Village employees present: Sonya Silvers and Eric Mowry. Others present: Brad Lawrence. 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 (Walton, Polfer) to approve minutes from the regular village board meeting on July 15th, and the ordinance committee meeting on July 22nd, 2015 as presented. Roll-all ayes. Carried

Motion (Skisko, Sheffer) to approve signing of legal form for Brad Lawrence to grant release from territory of Village. Roll-all ayes. Carried

Eric Mowry reported that curb and gutter will be started Monday on Jenkynsville Road. The street sweeper will be used by the ball field and possibly other streets before Labor Day. Eric mentioned that more clearing, planting grass and removing stumps will be done by the ball field.

Request by Jessica Polfer for a street closed sign at Galena Street.

Eric Mowry left the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Jim Sysko stated that the veteran's memorial has all name plaques completed. They are planning to make corrections and add names once a year. He will get bids for concrete for the pavilion at Village Park and will also call for tree trimming estimates.

The public nuisance committee will schedule a meeting for next Monday, August 24th at 8.30 a.m. in the business incubator conference room. The police committee will schedule a meeting for Wednesday, August 26th at 5:30 pm in the business incubator conference room.

Motion (Walton, Sheffer) to approve replacement Class B Retail License for GG's Tap, McCarthy's Bar, Joesph McCrea Post 7896, and Lawrence's pub and Eatery for 6:00 p.m. September 6, 2015 thru 12:00a.m. September 7, 2015. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Polfer, Wartner) to approve the application for the Temporary Class "B"/Class B" Retailer's License from St. Augustine Church for August 23rd at St. Patrick's Parish Hall. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

On September 2nd at 6:30 p.m. the village board will meet with the school board in the Benton Public Schools library regarding maintenance at the ball park.

Tabled discussion of John Perkins retirement benefits and consulting fee until the September 16th board meeting, the personnel committee will schedule a meeting on August 24th to discuss.

Motion (Skyso, Wartner) to approve Compliance Maintenance Resolution 2015-02.

Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The July 2015 police report was approved by general consent.

Motion (Skyso, Polfer) to approve vacation for Beverly Hitz September 28th to October 2nd, 2015. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Polfer, Wartner) to approve MEUW Accounting & Customer Service Seminar for Beverly Hitz September 23th, 2015. Roll-all ayes. Carried

The proposed timeline for the 2016 budget was approved by general consent.

A discussion of sidewalks in the Village also took place. We will be looking at repairs for next year's budget. Will check with Platteville and Darlington to see how they handle this.

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

Motion (Sheffer, Polfer) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.