

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, August 21st, 2013, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Jessica Polfer, Jim Sysko, Terry Sheffer, and Cal Robbins. Chuck Wartner arrived at 6:35 p.m. Absent: none. Citizens present: Jim and Eldon Kruser. Employees: Elizabeth Schoenmann and Ryan Carver. Others present: Consultants from Town & Country Engineering, Gene Laschinger and Ben Heidemann, and Officer Chris Donar. Proper notice of the meeting had been posted in four public places; the Village of Benton Business Incubator Building, Benton State Bank, Benton Post Office, and the Zephyr Depot, in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Motion (Walton, Sysko) to accept the meeting minutes of the regular village board meeting held July 17th, and the street lighting committee meeting held August 7th as presented. Voice-all ayes. Carried.

Gene Laschinger and Ben Heidemann of Town & Country Engineering presented information regarding the reduction of phosphorus levels in the Fever River. Options included a treatment upgrade, using an adaptive management plan or water quality trading plan, or receiving a variance. The compliance schedule for reducing phosphorus levels would vary from 5-15 years depending on the method used.

The July 2013 police report was approved as distributed by general consent.

Jim and Eldon Kruser presented an updated design for the planned Veteran's Memorial in the Village Park. The new design adjusts the sidewalk location to the side of the memorial. This allows the existing monument to remain in its current location while addressing the issue of snow removal for the sidewalk. A tree in the park will need to be removed to accommodate this. Fund raising efforts are still underway with a bulk mailing just being completed. Information for 682 veterans has been collected thus far with more to be expected.

Ryan Carver distributed information for replacing the sand in the Village and Swift Park. A type of sand wasp has invaded the sand and will return each year unless the sand is removed. Carver presented two options, rubber mulch and wood mulch. Pea gravel was also discussed, but it gets quite hot and is dangerous when the grass is mowed. Rubber mulch has a higher initial cost than wood mulch; however, it does not decay or rot, requires less material depth, and does not require annual mulching, which may make it more cost effective over time.

A park committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss the park trees, equipment, and sand replacement.

Carver also updated the board on the progress of the Swift Park parking lot and the 3rd Ave/3rd Street project. The Swift Park parking lot is completed. The excavation and rock was \$5,167 below the estimate so it was determined the lot will be fog sealed for approximately \$600. 3rd Ave/3rd Street will be blacktopped after Labor Day to avoid being torn up by trucks due to the increased traffic.

Cell phone reimbursement was tabled.

A discussion took place regarding various issues that need to be addressed including the updating of the village website, park bathrooms being vandalized, and trimming of vine and trees on Jenkynsville Road and Bean Street. The website and vine/trees will be looked into. The bathrooms are checked by village employees during weekend pump checks, but no solution was determined for cases when bathrooms are messed up after this is done.

Committee reports were presented. Gary McCrea, police committee chair, distributed a letter from the Lafayette County Sheriff's Department, whom the village has contracted policing with for almost a decade. A cost analysis determined that the current rate paid by the village to the sheriff's department does not cover the cost they incur. The sheriff's department requested an increase of the flat hourly rate to \$38 in 2014. This is based on the hourly wage, holiday and vacation time, FICA, retirement, workmen's comp., life and health insurance paid for by the sheriff's department along with training costs and

supplies. A review by McCrea determined this would still be more cost efficient than re-establishing our own police department. *Motion (Sheffer, Robbins) to continue contracting police service with the Lafayette County Sherriff's Department for \$38/hr in 2014.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sysko, Polfer) to approve the change in the premise description for Class B retail licenses for GG's, McCarthy's, Lawrence's Pub & Eatery, and Joseph F. McCrea Post No. 7896 from 6:00 pm on September 1, 2013 to 12:00 am on September 2, 2013. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Sysko) to approve a picnic license for St. Augustine Church for August 25, 2013 at St. Patrick's Church Hall. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Sheffer) to approve Elizabeth Schoenmann's attendance at the one day MEUW Accounting and Customer Service Seminar on September 10, 2013. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

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

Motion (Sysko, Wartner) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

August 21, 2013

July GENERAL RECEIPTS

Appliances	15.00
Benton School District-Swift Park parking lot	7000.00
Benton State Bank-interest.....	26.93
Building Permits.....	60.00
Copies.....	23.75
Dividends-Principal Life Insurance	96.83
Fire Dues	1529.52
Franchise Fees-Mediacom	694.49
Stamps sold	9.20
Picnic License.....	10.00
Liquor Licenses.....	606.67
Tires	2.00
Dog Licenses	30.00
BBI Mgmt	395.42
Refuse Collections-garbage	4676.91
TOTAL	15,176.72

July/August GENERAL DISBURSEMENTS

Alliant Energy-garage,lib,fire house gas.....	36.93
Allied Waste-recycling & refuse pick up	4,281.46
Baer-quarterly w/c, liability insurance	3,445.05
Bard Materials-sand delivery	1,776.52
BCDC-Benton Bucks for J.Beau & direct pay prize.....	60.00
Benton Fire Department-2013 fire dues	1,529.52
Benton Muni. Utilities-garage,parks, FD,flasher,st lights,lib,boy sct cabin.....	8,102.45
Benton State Bank-August library rent \$425	425.00
CenturyLink- lib,police,FD phone & siren & long distance	112.73
Chase-GB Institute fee,hotel & meals; clothing allowance.....	1,443.50
Citgo-police, parks, st light, FD, streets, grounds fuel expense	645.43
CNA Surety-treasurer's bond for tax collection	100.00
Electronic Federal Tax Payment Services-taxes (SS, Med, Fed) settle 8/7/2013 .	2,568.95
Electronic Federal Tax Payment Services-taxes (SS, Med, Fed) settle 8/21/2013	2,268.98
Employee Trust Funds-insurance w/h	4,479.70
Employee Trust Funds-retirement w/h	2,438.04
Employee Trust Funds-retirement w/h	2,422.04

Felderman's Lawn & Garden	200.00
Gassers-park, dog catching.....	138.40
The Hartford-8/2 deferred comp	236.42
The Hartford-8/16 deferred comp	232.80
John Deere Financial-blade bolt repair;oil filter;turf gard.....	48.46
KD Engineering-2013 streets; engineer	2,774.38
Lafayette Cty Hwy Dept.-cold mix	160.00
Lafayette Cty Sherriff's Dept-policing 6/25/2013-7/20/2013.....	4,306.50
McCrea, Gary-mileage to SWRP meeting.....	22.60
MHTC-FD internet	38.95
Midwest Business Products-copies	33.40
Mowry Brothers-swift park lot work & rock	13,533.00
MTAW-annual membership fee	40.00
Principal Life-life insurance.....	246.43
Quill-calculator ribbon	0.74
Spooky Pinball-id cards	10.00
Symons, Katherine-cleaning office and library 7/17-8/18.....	300.00
Sysko, James-water sprayer for flowers	13.70
Village of Hazel Green-set pole	60.00
WI Department of Revenue-state w/h tax July	981.93
Windy Hill Repair-steel & shearing	25.00
Ryan Carver-8/2 payroll less taxes.....	1,262.48
James Goffinet-8/2 payroll less taxes.....	1,176.88
Beverly Hitz-8/2 payroll less taxes.....	1,693.61
Robert Hoyer Jr-8/2 payroll less taxes	195.91
Janet Johnson-8/2 payroll less taxes	449.21
Kathleen Leverton-8/2 payroll less taxes	137.25
Emma Neis-8/2 payroll less taxes	560.91
John Perkins-8/2 payroll less taxes	1,252.18
Elizabeth Schoenmann-8/2 payroll less taxes.....	744.95
Susan Ward-8/2 payroll less taxes	170.85
Ryan Carver-8/16 payroll less taxes.....	1,206.14
James Goffinet-8/16 payroll less taxes	1,176.88
Beverly Hitz-8/16 payroll less taxes.....	1,359.41
Janet Johnson-8/16 payroll less taxes	310.70
Kathleen Leverton-8/16 payroll less taxes	56.80
Emma Neis-8/16 payroll less taxes	241.05
John Perkins-8/16 payroll less taxes	1,237.19
Elizabeth Schoenmann-8/16 payroll less taxes.....	629.40
Susan Ward-8/16 payroll less taxes	72.61
TOTAL	73,473.42

July ELECTRIC & WATER RECEIPTS

Electric Collections	41,287.77
Water Sold-Lovelace Well Drilling	21.04
Water Collections.....	15,457.87
TOTAL	56,766.68

July/August ELECTRIC & WATER DISBURSEMENTS

Alliant Energy-pump house, well 2 gas	24.18
Alliant Energy-purchase power 7/15/13 thru 8/14/13	43,169.49
Baer-quarterly w/c, liability insurance	1,107.20
Border States Electric Supply-hard hat	15.64
CenturyLink-ele, pumphouse phone & long distance.....	210.52
Citgo-wtr fuel expense	526.14
Department of Administration-Apr-June 2013 public benefit fees.....	1,032.32
Fawcett's Garage-Ryan's truck: oil, tire change, alignment, tie rod, brakes	343.33

Gassers-wtr, ele supplies	138.40
J&R Supply-wtr supplies: check valve, insert, tube assembly	103.00
KD Engineering-2013 water project: engineer	329.38
MEUW-1st half dues (6/1/13-5/31/14);acctg/cs seminar.....	622.67
Midwest Business Products-copies	66.78
Mowry Brothers-rock & stone for 3rd & 3rd wtr proj	15,641.35
Quill-ink.....	29.49
Seera-Focus on Energy-7/2013 public benefit fees	343.81
Spooky Pinball-id cards	20.00
United States Postal Service-utility bill postage	120.12
WI Department of Revenue-Sales & Use Tax July	3,062.20
TOTAL	66,906.02

July SEWER RECEIPTS

Kruser Septic discharge-June	385.74
Sewer Collections	17,779.47
TOTAL	18,165.21

July/August SEWER DISBURSEMENTS

Alliant Energy-wwtp & sewer storage gas	24.18
Baer-quarterly w/c, liability insurance	563.75
Benton Municipal Utilities-WWTP & LS utilities	1,717.62
CenturyLink-WWTP phone & long distance	38.39
Chase-digital level	129.25
Fawcett's Garage-Ryan's truck: oil, tire change, alignment, tie rod, brakes	343.32
Gasser's-swr supplies.....	95.39
Gile Cheese-UPS shipping for tests	25.80
J&R Supply-swr supplies: sewer pipe & 2 asco valves	352.88
KD Engineering-swr project engineer services	193.75
Kern Plumbing & Heating-register RPZ valves	690.00
LV Laboratories-swr testing	402.00
MEUW-accounting & customer service seminar	33.33
MHTC-WWTP internet.....	38.95
Midwest Business Products-copies	33.40
Mowry Brothers-rock & stone for 3rd ave/3rd st swr project	7,478.81
Quill-ink;calculator ribbon	28.73
Spooky Pinball-id cards	10.00
TOTAL	12,199.55