

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, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Jessica Polfer, Chuck Wartner, Rose Walton, Cal Robbins and Terry Sheffer. Absent: Jim Sysko. Citizens present: none. Employees: Beverly Hitz and Ryan Carver. 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 (Sheffer, Walton ) to accept the meeting minutes of the regular village board meeting held August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and the ordinance committee meeting held September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Ryan Carver explained to the board that moving the leaf pick up to a later date is risky because we chance having snow and ice that would makes it impossible to pick them up until the spring.

*Motion (Sheffer, Polfer) to approve 2014 fall leaf and garden waste pick-up October 20-24 and November 3-7, brush collection November 5-7.* Voice-all ayes. Carried.

*Motion (Wartner, Walton) to approve 2014 supervised burn dates October 24-November 2.*

Voice-all ayes. Carried.

Ryan Carver left at 6:45 p.m.

Rose Walton gave the first reading of Ordinance Amending Chapter 115-15 Animals: Providing Proper Shelter.

*Motion (Robbins, Walton) to approve increase in hourly pay for election workers to \$12 per hour.* Roll-all ayes. Carried. (Wartner abstained from voting)

McCrea had the second reading of the ordinance amending Chapter 91-8: Salaries of Village Village President and Trustee. *Village President annual base salary of \$1500.00 and Village Trustee base salary of \$625.00.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Tabled discussion of changes at Cole Acres Pool until the October 2014 meeting to get further input from Chuck Voight.

Gary McCrea, Chuck Wartner and Rose Walton will represent the Village at the Benton High School on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm to discuss costs to hire a Summer Recreation Director.

*Motion (Sheffer, Polfer) to approve a Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" picnic license for Benton Booster club for October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.* Roll-all ayes. Carried

*Motion (Wartner, Robbins) to approve John Perkins request for vacation September 19<sup>th</sup> – September 26<sup>th</sup>.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The August 2014 police report was reviewed and approved by general consent.

Chuck Wartner asked if there had been any follow up on the public nuisance letters sent in July. We discussed fines and other appropriate measures to resolve ongoing issues.

Gary informed the board that he had attended a luncheon in Cuba City with Rachel Jovi a representative for Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation. There are business loans available for qualified businesses. There is an emphasis on women, minorities and low-income individuals, however they are also available for men. He requested that we get the word out to anyone who might be interested. We have contact information in the village office.

Gary met with Gloria at the Village of Shullsburg to put together a plan to help with training for their new employee. He will be coming to Benton in the next couple of weeks to take a look around and get familiar with our Village. They also discussed sharing of some equipment to help keep costs down for both Villages.

Gary mentioned our annual invitation from the MEUW to attend the district dinner meeting to be held on November 6<sup>th</sup> at Red's Supper Club. Please contact Bev Hitz if you plan to attend.

Gary discussed the possibility of building another elderly housing unit in Benton. It was agreed by general consent that we should contact the Lafayette County Housing Authority for more information on the process and funding.

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

*Motion (Walton, Sheffer) to adjourn.* Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.