

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 21, 2016 with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Chuck Wartner, Jessica Polfer, Rose Walton and Cal Robbins Absent: Terry Sheffer Citizens present: Sandra Scanlan Employees: Beverly Hitz and Ryan Carver. Others present: Deputy Mike Gorham. 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 (Wartner,Robbins) to approve minutes from the regular village board meeting August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 as presented. Voice-all ayes. Carried.*

Sandra Scanlan voiced her concern regarding the utility bill for Swindler's Ridge Museum. It has gone up over the past year even though they are open less. Beverly Hitz explained that the electric rates have significantly increased causing the cost to rise. Discussion of options for available funds from various community groups took place. Chuck Wartner suggested that they apply to the Benton Community Fund.

Deputy Mike Gorham is still working on getting information together to get a new computer for the squad. He plans to present his proposal at the October 19<sup>th</sup> Village Board meeting. He also informed the board of a problem with the radio in the squad. He was advised to contact Comelec to look at this problem and get back to Gary with any issues. Mike asked for any comment or questions regarding the speed board that we have on loan. A discussion took place regarding the possible purchase of one in the future.

Deputy Gorham left meeting at 7:10

Ryan Carver mentioned that the mini excavator, the snow plow truck and the water and sewer truck should be considered for the 2017 budget. Ryan left at 7:20

Jessica Polfer mentioned that the Village Park bathrooms need more attention on Labor Day.

John Perkins and Nancy Wetter volunteered for the two vacancies on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

*Motion (Walton,Polfer) to approve the appointment of John Perkins and Nancy Wetter to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

*Motion (Robbins,Walton) to approve leaf and garden waste pick up dates October 31<sup>st</sup>-November 4<sup>th</sup>, and November 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, brush pick up November 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> and supervised burn dates November 4<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>.*

Roll-all ayes. Carried

Brad Smcrina (Smrcina Inspections LLC) informed the Village that he is terminating his contract to provide UDC inspections. The termination date is 11-7-16. Beverly Hitz has been in contact with Mike Fenley (Fenley Total Inspections) as a possible replacement. Beverly will contact Mike ask him to attend the October 19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

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

*Motion (Walton Polfer) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.*