

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, November 13, 2013, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Jessica Polfer, Terry Sheffer, Chuck Wartner, Cal Robbins and Jim Sysko. Absent: None Citizens present: Leo Scanlan. Employees: Beverly Hitz and Jim Goffinet. Others Present: Elaine & Robert Hoyer, Jr. 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 (Walton, Polfer) to accept the meeting minutes of the regular village board meeting held October 16, 2013, as presented.* Voice-all ayes. Carried.

Leo Scanlan requested a donation for the Swindler Ridge Museum to help pay for utilities. The Village has been donating to the museum annually. *Motion (Sheffer, Sysko) to continue our annual donation of \$300 to the Swindler Ridge Museum.* Voice-all ayes. Carried.

Robert Hoyer Jr. informed the board that he is resigning the position of Animal Control Officer for the Village of Benton, effective immediately. He has sold his house and moved out of town. Robert thanked the board for allowing him to serve in this position.

Jim Goffinet asked the board to consider selling the 1998 green utility truck and the old Christmas decorations. The board decided to sell the utility truck by sealed bids (minimum of \$1,000), advertised in the Shopping News and the Municipality Magazine. The Christmas decorations will be advertised and sold as is; make an offer. This was approved by general consent.

Rose Walton, Zoning Administrator, reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals had approved the Variance for John Perkins at 360 Railroad Avenue. Rose also reported that the Planning and Zoning Committee recommended that we discontinue part of Third Street and approved a conditional use permit for John Perkins at 455 Railroad Avenue.

*Terry Sheffer and Jim Goffinet left the meeting at 6:45 pm.*

The October 2013 police report was reviewed and approved by general consent.

Beverly Hitz informed the board that the Christmas party would be on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at Lawrence's Pub.

The board was given a copy of the notice of the spring election to be held April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

*Motion (Walton, Polfer) to approve the 2014 general fund budget with a local tax levy of \$133,223.65 for posting.* Voice-all ayes. Carried.

*Motion (Wartner, Sysko) to approve a vacation request from Ryan Carver, December 21, 2013-January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.* Voice-all ayes. Carried

Gary suggested that the Parks Committee set up a meeting with Kyle Luedtke from the Benton School District to discuss maintenance issues at Swift Park since it is time for renewal of our (Swift Park Use) agreement with them. Jim Sysko will set up an appointment with Kyle Luedtke. *Motion (Sysko, Wartner) to renew the Swift Park Use Agreement with Benton School District through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.* Voice-all ayes. Carried

The SUN program for Lafayette County has requested that we continue to make an annual donation to them. The senior meal site in Benton is at the VFW. We donated \$2500 in 2013. *Motion (Robbins, Walton) to donate \$2500 in January of 2014 to the SUN program in Lafayette County.* Voice-all ayes. Carried

Gary reminded everyone that the Public Meeting about the phosphorus issue with John Exo from the UW Extension would be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Benton High School gym.

He also informed the board that 3 CD's were being renewed. This was approved by general consent.

The board also discussed options for repairing sidewalks in the Village.

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

*Motion (Sysko, Robbins) to adjourn.* Voice-all ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.