

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 16, 2016 with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Terry Sheffer, Cal Robbins and Chuck Wartner Absent: Jessica Polfer, Employees: Beverly Hitz and Jim Goffinet Others present: Deputy Mike Gorham, Jean Christensen, William Foltz and Kenneth Farrey 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, Sheffer) to approve minutes from the regular village board meeting October 19, 2016 as presented. Voice-all ayes. Carried.*

Jean Christensen presented the \$53,644.00 library budget request a 5.92% increase over last year. *Motion (Robbins, Walton) to approve \$53,644.00 for the 2017 library budget. Roll-all ayes. Carried*

Gary McCrea suggested appointing Kenneth Farrey to fill the vacant seat as a Village Trustee effective today. *Motion (Walton, sheffer) to approve the appointment of Kenneth Farrey to fill the vacancy for Village Trustee. Roll-all ayes. Carried*

Jim Goffinet explained the ongoing problems with the fire siren on Galena Street. He should know by next week if we can repair the siren or if we will have to consider replacing it.

*Motion (Robbins, Sheffer) to approve Johnson & Block audit engagement letter for 2016-2017. Roll-all ayes. Carried*

*Motion (Robbins, Sheffer) to approve Ordinance 2016-004 to amend section 130-3(c) scope of construction and inspection. Roll-all ayes. Carried*

Jim Goffinet left at 7pm

Gary McCrea met with Keith Dalsing, KD Engineering on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss plans to create a new subdivision with 24 - ½ acre lots. This will involve the purchase of 19.6 acres of land. *Motion (Robbins, Wartner) to approve the purchase of 19.6 acres to create a new subdivision in the Village of Benton. Roll-all ayes. Carried*

*Motion (Walton, Wartner) to approve the 2017 general fund budget with a local tax levy of \$145,263.00 for posting. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

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

*Motion (Sheffer, Robbins) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.*