

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, January 15, 2014, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Jessica Polfer, Terry Sheffer and Cal Robbins. Absent: Chuck Wartner and Jim Sysko. Citizens present: None Employees: Beverly Hitz and John Perkins. Others Present: None. 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, Robbins) to accept the meeting minutes of the regular village board meeting held December 4, 2013, as presented. Voice-all ayes. Carried.*

*Motion (Sheffer, Robbins) to accept the meeting minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held November 13, 2013, as presented. Voice-all ayes. Carried.*

*Motion (Sheffer, Robbins) to accept the meeting minutes of the Planning and Zoning Committee meeting held November 13, 2013, as presented. Voice-all ayes. Carried*

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

The 2 sealed bids for the Green Utility Truck were opened. We did not receive the minimum bid required. *Motion (Robbins, Sheffer) to keep the Green Utility Truck. Voice-all ayes. Carried.*

Gary informed everyone that the Public Meeting about the phosphorus issue with John Exo from the UW Extension went well and was attended by 35 to 40 people. There will be a follow up meeting in April of 2014.

Terry Sheffer mentioned that the Steitz Tree Service had not cut the trees at the park. This was contracted for November 2013. Jim Sysko will call them again.

Jessica Polver has taken complaints about construction garbage at 465 Galena Street. The neighbors say it is not being picked up and is blowing into their yards. There is also concern that they are not aware of our sidewalk snow removal policy.

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 (Robbins, Polfer) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.*