

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, December 3rd, 2014 with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Cal Robbins, Jim Sysko and Terry Sheffer. Absent: Jessica Polfer, Rose Walton and Chuck Wartner. Citizens present: None. Employees: Beverly Hitz and John Perkins. 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 November 12th, 2014 and the street committee meeting held on November 19th, 2014. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

John informed the board that we had received a payment from Wayne Manufacturing. This is the company that went bankrupt after we had ordered Christmas lights from them in 2012 and made a down payment. We received \$2,634.16 this is a refund of 32%.

Jim Sysko spoke with Maggie Langkamp regarding a possible low maintenance ground cover for the bank across from Swift Park. He also spoke with Jeff Droessler to see if the Booster Club would be willing to get involved and will contact Kyle Luedtke to see if a service group from the School would be willing to help.

He is hoping to defray some of the cost to make improvements.

Terry Sheffer informed the board that the American Legion and the VFW had met with 2 representatives from the DOT regarding a section of Highway 11 that includes the Milton B Weismann Memorial Park. They are currently surveying and mapping this area. They are planning to make changes in the highway to allow movement of 200 foot tubes thru the Village of Benton without the use of the State Patrol.

Motion (Robbins, Sheffer) to approve 2015 street improvements based on the October 21, 2014 estimate of \$177,200 from KD Engineering consultants, Inc. for Jenkynsville Road and Galena Street. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sysko, Robbins) to file a Simplified Rate Case with the PSC of Wisconsin to increase water rates in the Village of Benton by 3%. Date of this increase will be February 13, 2015. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sysko, Sheffer) to file a docket with the PSC of Wisconsin to amend our electric and water operating rules as they apply to deferred payment agreement offerings to residential customers who are tenants. Roll-all ayes. Carried

Motion (Sysko, Robbins) to offer renewal of Industrial Land Rental Contract with Redfearn Enterprises for 2015 with a cost of \$275 per acre. Roll-all ayes. Carried

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

Motion (Robbins, Sysko) to purchase new Radio Meter Reading System for Utilities at an estimated cost of \$50,000 per year for 3 years, 2015, 2016 and 2017. Roll-all ayes. Carried

Motion (Sysko, Robbins) to approve Resolution 2014-02, authorizing and approving the establishment of a health care premium conversion cafeteria plan in the Village of Benton. Roll-all ayes. Carried

Motion (Robbins, Sysko) to approve the 2015 General Fund Budget with a local tax levy of \$133,231.00. Roll-all ayes. Carried

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

Terry Sheffer informed the board about an interesting article on page 421 in the December 4, 2014, publication of The Municipality that talks about removing phosphorus point and non-point sources.

Motion (Sheffer, Robbins) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.