

Benton Village Board Public Hearing-Discontinuance of Part of Third Street and Regular Meeting Minutes December 4, 2013

The Village of Benton Public Hearing-Discontinuance of Part of Third Street 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 04, 2013, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Terry Sheffer, Chuck Wartner, Cal Robbins and Jim Sysko. Absent: Jessica Polfer. Citizens present: None. Employees: Beverly Hitz and Ryan Carver. 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.

The Village Board accepted the November 13, 2013 Consideration and Report from the Plan Commission Chair, Rose Walton. There were no public comments.

Motion (Robbins, Sysko) to approve Resolution #2013-06 to Discontinue Part of Third Street Located in the Village of Benton. Voice-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sysko, Walton) to close the public hearing. Voice-all ayes. Carried.

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Village President, Gary McCrea at 6:40 p.m.

Motion (Sheffer, Wartner) to accept the meeting minutes of the regular village board meeting held November 13, 2013, as presented. Voice-all ayes. Carried.

Ryan updated the board regarding people he was able to contact for the public meeting about phosphorus on December 9th, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Benton High School gym. Ryan and Gary will meet with John Exo on Thursday to tour our Wastewater Facility and go over the plans for the meeting. Ryan mentioned the increase in water main breaks. He will investigate to see if we have a problem with the back fill that was used.

Jim Sysko from the Parks Committee reported that the contractor has not removed the trees from the parks yet. He will follow up with the contractor. Jim also mentioned that the sand should be removed from the park and the rubber chips put in at the same time. Ryan will look to see what needs to be ordered and how long it will take to get the materials. Possible use for the sand that is being removed was discussed. Jim said the meeting on November 26th with the School Board was very productive. Kyle Luedtke, Principal, said he was not aware that we had any issues. They will go over the contract at their next board meeting on December 11th, then sign and return the contract. Jim said it was good to talk with the Benton School Board; we all need to be on the same page. He also gave us an update on the care of the flowers over the summer.

Ryan left the meeting at 7:02 pm.

Motion (Wartner, Walton) to leave the contract with Redfearn for crop land rent at \$275 per acre for 2014. Voice-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Robbins, Sheffer) to renew the contract for Uniform Dwelling Code Enforcement Services (building inspection) with Smrcina Inspections LLC for 2 years from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2015. Voice-all ayes. Carried.

Information related to Alliant Energy's Summer Period Energy Bandwidth Calculation was distributed for informational purposes.

The November 2013 police report was distributed.

We have not received any sealed bids for the 1998 Utility Truck.

Motion (Sysko, Walton) to approve the 2014 General Fund Budget with a local tax levy of \$133,231.00. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sysko, Robbins) to approve a donation of \$10,000 per year for 5 years (2014-2018) to the Benton Community Fund. Roll-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 9th at 6 pm in the Benton High School gym.

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

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

Motion (Sysko, Wartner) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.