

The regular meeting of the Benton Village Board was called to order by Village President, Gary McCrea, at 6:30 p.m. on January 19, 2011, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Katey Neis, Terry Sheffer, Chuck Wartner, and Lisa Lawrence. Absent: Ron Fladseth. Ron Fladseth arrived at 6:45p.m. Citizens: Julie, Steve and Jessica Symons, Carl Langkamp, and Steve Malone. Consultants: none. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks and John Perkins. Others present: Officer Eric Seiler. In compliance with the open meeting law, proper notice of the meeting had been posted in four public places; the Zephyr Depot, Benton State Bank, Benton Post Office, and the Benton Business Incubator Building.

Motion (Sheffer, Walton) to accept the minutes from the regular meeting held December 15, 2010 as presented. Voice-all ayes. Carried.

Julie, Steve and Jessica Symons were present to address the board and ask permission to close Third Street from 258 Third Street to 280 Third Street on Friday, May 27th from 9:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. In addition, they requested permission to have a band playing during these hours. *Motion (Sheffer, Wartner) to approve closing Third Street on Friday, May 27th from 258 Third Street to 290 Third Street. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

Carl Langkamp was present representing the Benton Fire Department. Langkamp indicated that the main engine truck, purchased in 1994, will be in need of replacement by 2016 at the latest. Langkamp was present to suggest the board consider setting aside \$15, 000 per year for the purchase of this truck. He has already contacted the Town of Benton and the Town of New Diggings regarding its portion of the truck purchase. The board took this information under advisement. Hendricks will check on what was budgeted in 2010 and 2011 for the fire department and report back to the village board.

Carl Langkamp was also present representing the Benton First Responders. He indicated the First Responders were looking to replace their vehicle as well, however, they are only short a couple thousand dollars and should have enough to purchase the vehicle by the time it is necessary to replace it.

Perkins was present with quotes of \$2950.00 from Scott Implement and \$3675.00 from Sloan Implement for a new 7' woods mower with two rear wheels. Perkins indicated the old woods mower had been taken up to Scott Implement for its spring auction. *Motion (Lawrence, Neis) to purchase a new 7' woods mower from Scott Implement for \$2,950.00. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

Steve Malone was present representing the Benton State Bank. Malone updated the board regarding information related to its deposits, collateral, and then general information regarding the Benton State Bank.

Malone informed the board that the bank had purchased the Sysko Sports Books building. Malone informed the board that this building was currently being renovated and would be the future home of Sysko's Sports Books, Woodworth Insurance, and Ameriprise Financial. The second floor is being renovated into a four bedroom apartment.

Perkins initiated a discussion related to alternate side parking issue. It was agreed that more enforcement was needed regarding this ordinance. Officer Seiler agreed that he will come into work the next time it snows to issue tickets to those parked on the wrong side of the road. It was further agreed that if it is not snowing, Officer Seiler will issue those parked on the wrong side of the street a warning notice that indicates they will be ticketed the next time their vehicle is parked on the wrong side of the road.

The board discussed the one outstanding public nuisance violation at 404 Railroad Avenue. The owner, John Perkins, indicated he is in need of two pieces of siding to have the entire building sided. Perkins indicated he is still in the process of attempting to purchase

additional land adjacent to this property which will allow him to add a garage to the building, however, with the siding completed the public nuisance has been abated.

Motion (Walton, Neis) to purchase 100 used electric meters from HD Supply at \$30.00 each. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Fladseth) to purchase a new flag pole for the village park. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The second reading was completed for the amendment of Section 3-1-8 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Benton, Disbursements from Local Treasury. *Motion (Neis, Lawrence) to adopt 2010-003, An Ordinance to Amend Section 3-1-8 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Benton, Disbursements from Local Treasury.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The December 2010 police report was approved as distributed.

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

Motion (Neis, Lawrence) to adjourn. All ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.