

The regular meeting of the Benton Village Board was called to order by Village President, Gary McCrea, at 6:30 p.m. on March 16, 2011, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Katey Neis, Ron Fladseth, Terry Sheffer and Lisa Lawrence. Absent: Chuck Wartner. Visitors: Marianne Calvert and Cecile McManus. Consultants: none. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks and Jim Goffinet. 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 (Walton, Lawrence) to approve the minutes as distributed. Voice vote-all ayes. Carried.

Cecile McManus, SUN Program Director, provided a presentation regarding the SUN Program in the Village of Benton. Ms. McManus requested a \$2,000 donation to assist in continuing its senior meal program in the Village of Benton. *Motion (Lawrence, Sheffer) to approve a \$2,000.00 donation to the SUN Program in 2011.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Goffinet was present and provided an update on information he had located regarding a used trailer to transport the mini-excavator. He had found used trailers in North Carolina and Nebraska for approximately \$3,980 with an additional \$450.00 delivery charge. A new trailer is \$6000.00. This item will be placed on the next agenda for further discussion and possible action.

A discussion was held regarding replacement of a water main on Alma Street with options of replacing 60', as well as an option of replacing 280'. *Motion (Lawrence, Sheffer) to approve replacement of approximately 60' of water main on Alma Street for an approximate cost of \$6400.00.* Roll-all ayes. Motion carried.

Bids for the repair or replacement of the RAS pump at the wastewater treatment plant were reviewed from both L.W. Allen and J.F. AHern Co. Motion (Neis, Walton) to approve the repair option of the RAS pump at the wastewater treatment plant with J.F. Ahern at a cost of \$4113.50. Roll- all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Lawrence, Neis) to approve the purchase of directional signs from Signs To Go in Platteville for a total price of \$639.50. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Goffinet left the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

The board reviewed the February 2011 Police Officer's Monthly report and approved it by general consent.

The board reviewed the request from Officer Eric Seiler to purchase interior LED Warning Lights for the squad car. The board directed Officer Seiler to obtain a few more bids and provide them at the next regular meeting for review.

Lawrence reported on behalf of the Park Committee that the flag pole had been ordered and delivered for the village park memorial area. In addition the two new sand diggers had also been delivered for each park.

Lawrence announced that the Benton Booster Club was going to be sponsoring a clean-up day at the village park on Saturday, March 26th at 9:30 a.m.

Sheffer asked why the noon fire whistle is now going off at 1:00 p.m. The fire department has informed the office that it is a computerized system that would require an expensive upgrade to fix. Therefore it was decided to let the whistle remain one hour off for a couple weeks until it matches the old daylight savings time dates.

Sheffer gave a report on the Lafayette County Highway Department's annual meeting held recently in Darlington. Sheffer indicated a discussion was held regarding the scarring bridges in the county as well as various prices for supplies and services that can be provided by the county.

Motion (Lawrence, Walton) to approve the personnel committee's recommended changes to the Personnel Manual, including the amendment to the hours of work section and the addition of a flexible personal hour section. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Fladseth, Sheffer) to approve a Class B picnic license for the Benton Community Development Corporation for May 21st at the Business Incubator Building. Roll-all ayes except Walton abstained. Motion carried.

The board was provided with information regarding the League of Wisconsin Municipalities 2011 annual meeting and workshop. Trustees are to let Hendricks know if they plan to attend either of these meetings, and she will submit payment and registration.

The board was advised of an upcoming Southwest Day 2011 at the Capitol in Madison, WI on March 30th. This is an annual day of regional advocacy intended to promote southwest Wisconsin as a region and address specific topics affecting local communities.

Motion (Walton, Neis) to authorize laboratory services for drinking water testing with Northern Lake Service in the amount of \$1932.00. Roll- all ayes Carried.

The first reading of Ordinance 2011-001, an ordinance to amend section 7-2-5 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Benton related to liquor license fees related to Reserve "Class B" licenses was read.

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

Motion (Lawrence, Neis) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.