

The regular meeting of the Benton Village Board was called to order by Village President, Gary McCrea, at 6:30 p.m. on April 20, 2011, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Chuck Wartner, Cal Robbins, Ron Fladseth (6:37 p.m.), Terry Sheffer and Lisa Lawrence. Absent: none. Visitors: none. Consultants: none. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks and John Perkins. Others present: none. 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, Lawrence) to approve the minutes as distributed. Voice vote-all ayes. Carried.

Perkins inquired as to the status of the Main Street lighting project. It was agreed by general consent to hold off on proceeding with the project at this time due to the uncertainty with the state budget and shared revenue issues.

Hendricks reported on the MEUW Personnel Manual workshop she had attended in WI Dells on April 20, 2011.

Lawrence reported that the park committee had met and determined the locations for the new sand digger toys as well as the flag pole and light.

McCrea reported on a meeting he had attended in Lancaster, which was a Public Forum for Representative Travis Tranel and Senator Dale Schultz.

Sheffer indicated he had been asked whether we could advise what type of crop could be planted in the land rented in the industrial park area. It was advised that this could be determined in future years before the lease was signed, however, the lease on the land had already been signed for the 2011 planting season.

Sheffer indicated he had been asked to look into putting up "Slow Children At Play" signs on Galena Street. It was agreed that it would be better if parents did not allow their children to play in the street versus installing a sign that might not gain much attention from drivers.

A list of prices on trailers was presented to the board. The board inquired as to which was recommended by Goffinet, how many pound load was necessary, how much the excavator weighs, how long the excavator is, and where it is going to be stored. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the salt shed needing a new roof. The clerk for the Town of Benton, Edgar Keleher, had received prices from Ivan Herschberger to put either a metal or 40 year Landmark shingles on the salt shed. It was agreed that additional information related to how the salt might affect the steel, the grade of steel to be used, as well as additional local bids was needed. Hendricks will look in to these items and report back to the board at its May 18, 2011 regular meeting.

Motion (Wartner, Walton) to authorize Gary McCrea to sign any necessary paperwork to purchase the new dump truck and sell the old dump truck. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The board was provided with final costs of \$12,541.91 for installation of the water main on Alma Street. An additional 60' of water main was installed, accounting for the increased costs from the original estimate of \$6398.92.

Perkins left at 7:05 p.m.

Robert Hoyer Jr. was present requesting a raise in salary for picking up raccoons and cats. He is currently paid \$5.00 and would like to be paid \$10.00 each. *Motion (Lawrence, Walton) to increase the pay for cats and raccoons from \$5.00 to \$10.00 each.* Roll-all ayes.

The board reviewed the request from Officer Eric Seiler to purchase interior LED warning lights for the squad car. *Motion (Walton, Lawrence) to authorize the purchase of an*

interior LED warning light for the police squad car up to the purchase price of \$898.00. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The second 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. *Motion (Lawrence, Walton) to approve the ordinance amendment of section 7-2-5 of the Benton Municipal Code. Roll – all ayes. Carried.*

Motion (Sheffer, Wartner) to extend the promotion awarding Benton Bucks for direct payment authorizations through the end of the year. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Fladseth) to authorize the street committee to review the parking situation at the corner of Highway 11 and White Street and determine where to make it no parking. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Perkins came back to meeting at 7:15 p.m. to request permission to purchase an underbody box for chains for the new dump truck. *Motion (Wartner, Sheffer) to authorize the purchase of an underbody box for the new dump truck for a cost of \$360.00. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

Information from Mediacom’s cable television rate increase was distributed.

The 2011-2012 Village Board Committee Assignments were distributed.

The board was advised to “save the date” for the 2011 BEST Conference that will be held May 12th. Any board members wishing to attend should advise the clerk by May 1st.

The board reviewed the March 2011 Police Officer’s monthly report and approved it by general consent.

Motion (Walton, Lawrence) to approve the 2010 Budget Resolution No. 2011-01. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

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

Motion (Fladseth, Walton) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.