

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, May 16, 2012, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Chuck Wartner, Cal Robbins, Rose Walton, and Lisa Lawrence. Absent: Terry Sheffer and Ron Fladseth. Citizens present: none. Others present: Officer Eric Seiler. Employees present: Darnell Hendricks and Ryan Carver. Proper notice of the meeting had been posted in four public places; the Village of Benton Business Incubator Building, Benton State Bank, Benton Post Office, and the Zephyr Depot, in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Motion (Robbins, Walton) to approve the minutes of the following meeting, April 18th regular board meeting. Voice vote-all ayes. Carried.

Officer Eric Seiler was present with an update on the April police report. Seiler also indicated that this Saturday would be his last day working for the village as Seiler has taken a full-time position with the county in the jail. Seiler is currently training his replacement, Lee Bohlman, who will be starting next week working for the village.

Jessica Polfer and Sara Martensen were present to request permission to close Galena Street on July 21st from Frontier Street to Calvert Street from 2:00 p.m. until midnight for a neighborhood block party. Approval was granted by general consent. Village employees will drop off barricades at both ends of the street on July 20th.

The April 2012 police report was approved by general consent.

Carver was present with two quotes for a backup RAS pump – Ryan’s recommendation is to not do anything with this at this time due to the costs to repair and since the pump may not get used for another 5 or 6 years. Approval given by general consent not to do anything at this time.

A bill from Tim Ditsworth for services rendered by Curran’s Drain Cleaning at 470 Jenkynsville Road for water jetting the sewer lines was presented for board consideration. Carver indicated it was the Village’s policy not to pay for cleaning of sewer laterals. The property owner was advised of this policy, but requested the bill be presented in any case and wanted to request that the board consider paying ½ of the bill. Carver further confirmed that it had been determined that the back-up was without a doubt not caused by the village. *Motion (Robbins, Wartner) to deny the bill from Curran’s Drain Cleaning for 470 Jenkynsville Road.* Roll-all ayes. Motion carried.

Carver presented a proposal from a chemical testing company to do a phosphorous removal optimization study plan for the wastewater treatment plant. Based on a discussion with the Department of Natural Resources, it was Carver’s recommendation to wait on taking any action related to a study until 2013. At this time we will be aware of what our limits are per our renewed permit, and it will make more sense to do a study at this time to determine the baseline for our testing. By general consent it was agreed to wait until we get our permit to decide if this baseline testing is necessary.

Motion (Lawrence, Walton) to approve a vacation request from Ryan Carver for June 21st-July 1st. Voice vote-all ayes. Carried.

Improvements to Swift Park parking lot and authorization for improvement and expenditures related to this area were discussed. Carver indicated he had done some research and found that it was going to be cheaper to do permanent walls for the gravel bins versus movable bins. Carver indicated there will need to be a total of six bins.

Hendricks will contact the county and find out what they intend to do with the land behind the salt shed. Carver will get prices for all the work discussed and have it available for the next meeting – this will include prices for the permanent bins. The expected timeline would be to start this project after summer recreation games are completed and before football games start.

Lawrence presented a park committee update with recommendations as per its April 12, 2012, meeting. All recommendations were approved by general consent.

A discussion was held regarding the Main Street lighting project. It was determined that at least one replacement pole was necessary to be in stock in case of an accident. *Motion (Robbins, Sheffer) to*

purchase an extra street light pole, arm and fixture for a cost of \$3,700 in case of an accident. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The second reading of Ordinance 2012-004 Ordinance to Amend Section 7-9-1 to 7-9-11 of the Municipal Code related to Commercial Garages and Auto Repair Shops. *Motion (Robbins, Wartner) to approve the adoption of Ordinance 2012-004 Ordinance to Amend Section 7-9-1 to 7-9-11 of the Municipal Code related to Commercial Garages and Auto Repair Shops. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

A discussion was held regarding the resurfacing of the tennis courts at Swift Park and the Village Park. Hendricks will contact Jeff Droessler to find out the name of the contractor that gave him a bid on resurfacing Swift Park.

Motion (Lawrence, Walton) to approve a vacation request for Hendricks for May 30st-June 6th. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Lawrence) to authorize Hendricks to attend the Clerks completion training July 8th-13th in Green Bay, WI. Hendricks received a scholarship for the training fees and expenses from the Wisconsin Clerk's Association. Voice vote-all ayes. Carried.

Information was shared with the board related to a 2013-2014 electric and gas rate freeze proposal from Alliant Energy.

Information was shared with the board related to Allied Waste Services notification of annual cost adjustment of the Solid Waste Handling Contract from \$11.34/residence to \$11.68/residence. This rate increase is effective June 15, 2012.

A discussion was held regarding the summer work-study positions. The previous students approved have taken other positions and are not interested in working for the village this summer. Hendricks has been in contact with UW-Platteville to determine if there are other eligible work-study students available that might be interested in the job. Due to the work-study students previously approved for summer work no longer being available, *motion (Sheffer, Wartner) to authorize Hendricks to hire a different work-study employee to cut grass and take care of the parks this summer. If a work-study employee cannot be recruited it is authorized to hire a general employee to cut grass and take care of parks just for the summer for a wage not to exceed \$10.00 per hour. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

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

McCrea asked that a Special Meeting be set up to discuss a village revolving loan fund at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23rd.

Motion (Walton, Robbins) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.