

The Village of Benton Special Board Meeting was called to order by Village President, Gary McCrea at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Benton Business Incubator Building at 244 Ridge Avenue on Wednesday, May 23, 2012, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Chuck Wartner, Cal Robbins, Rose Walton, Terry Sheffer and Lisa Lawrence, Ron Fladseth (5:43 p.m.). Absent: none. Citizens present: none. Others present: none. Employees present: Darnell Hendricks. 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.

A discussion related to authorization to review the possibility of developing a local revolving loan fund and providing assistance to potential and existing businesses in the Village of Benton was held.

Fladseth arrived at 5:43 p.m.

Motion (Wartner, Walton) to approve allocation of \$10,000 into a revolving loan fund account (economic development) by transferring \$5000 from the storm sewer account and \$5000.00 from the snow plowing account for the 2012 village general fund budget. Roll-Walton (yes), Wartner (yes), Fladseth (yes), Lawrence (no), Robbins (no), Sheffer (no), McCrea (yes). Motion carried with four yes's, and three no's.

Motion (Lawrence, Robbins) to install two handrails that will run perpendicular to Main Street on the north side of Main Street between 62 East Main Street and 56 East Main Street and another railing between 56 East Main Street and 46 East Main Street. The village engineer will develop the plan to assure they are compliant with Department of Transportation regulations. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Wartner) to deny a request of the Benton State Bank to allow the Benton State Bank and Bernie Brandt to use vacant land adjacent to well house on Water Street to set off fireworks demonstration on June 6th (June 7th rain date) pending receipt of appropriate application and bond. However, approve the request if the location is moved to Whaley Court. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Lawrence, Sheffer) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Motion carried.