

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, November 16, 2011, with the following members present: Rose Walton, Gary McCrea, Cal Robbins, Terry Sheffer, Lisa Lawrence, Chuck Wartner, and Ron Fladseth. Citizens present: none. Others present: Officer Eric Seiler. Employees present: Darnell Hendricks and John Perkins. 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 (Sheffer, Walton) to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting held October 19th, 2011 as distributed. Voice-all ayes. Motion carried.

Officer Eric Seiler was present with his October police report.

McCrea instructed Officer Seiler to watch for vehicles at businesses and residences that were not in compliance with the vehicles abandoned vehicle ordinance. Those in violation should be issued citations.

Ryan Carver was present and reported on a problem he is having with the micro-strainer at the wastewater treatment plant. Carver indicated someone is supposed to be looking at it later this week. McCrea indicated he felt this should be taken care of as soon as possible.

Motion (Lawrence, Wartner) to approve a vacation request from Ryan Carver for December 23rd through January 2nd. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

No committee reports were given.

Motion (Lawrence, Fladseth) to approve the sale of the lot 1 from Certified Survey Map 587 to Joel and Joellen Holland and Jeff and Ann Wienen for a purchase of \$7,000.00. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Wartner, Fladseth) to approve a vacation request from Darnell Hendricks for December 23rd through January 2nd. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Tim Lawrence, Gary Gratz and Lee McCarville were present representing the Lafayette County ATV Club. They indicated they were basically interested in finding out if they would be welcome in Benton if they were able to get approval from the Town of Benton to have a route leading into Benton. *Motion (Walton, Lawrence) to allow ATV use on North Bean Street and South Bean Street from Main Street to Alma Street.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

A discussion was held regarding the sale of a small parcel of land to Tom Slater. It was agreed by general consent to give Gary McCrea the authority to negotiate the terms of the sale.

By general consent the board approved the 2012 General Fund Budget as presented for posting.

Motion (Sheffer, Wartner) to authorize Hendricks to get a quote from the village engineer related to the reconstruction of Third Street from Third Avenue to Second Avenue and Third Avenue from Third Street to Second Street. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Wartner) to approve an increase in the Lafayette County Sheriff's Department contract with the Village of Benton from \$26.00 per hour to \$29.00 per hour. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

A thank you from the Benton Community Foundation was distributed.

The board was provided a copy of the Notice of Spring Election to be held April 3, 2012.

Motion (Lawrence, Walton) to approve Resolution 2011-04 Accepting Petition for Annexation for territory in the Town of Benton into the Village of Benton. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Robbins, Wartner) to approve An Ordinance Providing for the Direct Annexation of a Portion of the Town of Benton in Lafayette County, WI, to the Village of Benton, Lafayette County, WI. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Lawrence, Walton) to approve the list of election workers presented with the addition of Renee Wartner. Roll all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Fladseth, Walton) to approve 2011-005 Resolution of Village of Benton Promoting Civil Public Discourse. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The first reading of 2011-002 Ordinance of Village of Benton-An Ordinance to Amend Section 2-2-8 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Benton related to the Salaries of the Village President and the Village Trustees was held.

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

Motion (Lawrence, Walton) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.