

The regular meeting of the Benton Village Board was called to order by Village President, Gary McCrea, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Benton Business Incubator Building at 244 Ridge Avenue on Wednesday, March 25, 2009, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Terry Sheffer, Lisa Lawrence, Ron Fladseth (7:07). Absent: Lori Droessler and Katey McCarthy. Citizens: none. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks and Jim Goffinet. Consultants and others present: Keith Dalsing. 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, Walton) to approve the minutes as distributed from the last regular meeting held Feb 18th and the special meeting held February 26th. Voice -all ayes. Carried.

Keith Dalsing, K.D. Engineering, was present to provide final plans for the reconstruction of Cross Street from Main Street to Temple Avenue. The proposed plans showed a street width of 36'. Dalsing explained the bids would include storm sewer installation, excavation, asphalt and curb and gutter. A total of fifteen to twenty trees would need to be removed. The trees that are in the right of way for the street will not be replaced. Dalsing further explained options for the storm water drainage for the street. A retention pond similar to that which is located at the intersection of highway 11 and Ridge Avenue will be installed near the intersection of Cross Street and Temple Avenue. This retention pond will allow the controlled drainage of water from this street.

Goffinet was present and advised he would be starting with the regular street sweeping schedule on Thursday, March 26th.

Goffinet reported the status of the refurbishing of the Swift Park shelter house. The remaining items require warmer temperatures to complete.

The street committee indicated it would mark exactly where it wanted the handicap parking spot on Main Street to be located.

Goffinet left at 8:03 p.m.

Lawrence reported that the Tastefully Simple fundraiser was still scheduled to occur in April. Order forms will be available at the village office and at the school during parent teacher conferences.

Sheffer reported that the street committee had met and reviewed its five year plan. The review of the five year Street Improvement Plan resulted in the recommendation that Arbor Street and Jenkynsville Road be flip-flopped on the reconstruction schedule. This will put Arbor Street on the 2010 agenda for reconstruction and Jenkynsville Road in the 2011 slot.

Motion (Lawrence, Walton) to approve a \$50.00 donation to the Lafayette County Historical Society. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Fladseth) to approve the 2009-02 Budget Resolution as presented. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Lawrence) to approve the discontinuation of parking along the south side of Arbor Street from Bean Street to its east end, and along the south side of Alma Street from Railroad Avenue to Van Buren Street. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

A discussion was held regarding hiring summer help to assist in cutting grass in the village. The board requested Hendricks look into whether a work-study student would be available. This item will be put on the agenda for the next meeting

The board was made aware of the appointment of Dave Halloran to the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors.

The February 2009 monthly police report was not available.

A letter received from the Lafayette Development Corporation was distributed.

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A letter received from Elaine Lewis to “put a table” on the Cross Street project was reviewed. *Motion (Sheffer, Fladseth) to deny this request to table a decision on the Cross Street project.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Walton) to approve proceeding with the reconstruction of Cross Street with a street width of 36 feet. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Fladseth, Walton) to approve the leaf and garden waste dates, brush pickup and supervised burning days as presented. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

A letter from Senator Feingold was distributed for informational purposes.

A discussion was held regarding parking violations issued on Alma Street and Van Buren Street on February 27th. *Motion (Sheffer, Fladseth) to drop all parking tickets issued on this date.* Roll: Walton-yes, Lawrence-no, Fladseth-yes, Sheffer-yes, and McCrea-yes. Motion carried.

Motion (Lawrence, Walton) to accept the proposal from the United Methodist Church related to paving the parsonages driveway in exchange for their signature on an easement for an increased right of way for the street. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Fladseth) to approve a resolution 2009-03 Village of Benton Opposes Changes to the Prevailing Wage Law Included In Governor Doyle’s State Budget Proposal Assembly Bill 75. Roll – all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Lawrence) to approve a resolution 2009-04 Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent To Exercise Special Assessment Powers Under Sec. 66.0701, WI. Stats. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Fladseth) to authorize the letting of the bids for the reconstruction of Cross Street. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Lawrence, Sheffer) to approve the 2009 Street schedule for Cross Street Improvements. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Lawrence) to authorize Charlotte Doherty, Lafayette County District Attorney, to handle the prosecution of all village citations from this point forward. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Fladseth) to Closed Session-Pursuant with Chapter 19.85 Sub (1) par (e) of WIS. STATS, adjourn to closed session for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session – specifically to discuss the village’s refuse/recycling contract for 2009-2012. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Walton) to reconvene to open session. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Fladseth) to authorize the village clerk to accept bids for the village’s refuse/recycling contract. These bids should be for both one year and three year contracts. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

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

Motion (Walton, Fladseth) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.