

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, April 15, 2009, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Terry Sheffer, Lisa Lawrence, Ron Fladseth, Lori Droessler and Katey McCarthy. Absent: none. Citizens: Dave Halloran. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks and John Perkins. Consultants and 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 from the last regular meeting held March 25th. Voice -all ayes. Carried.

Larry Austin, was present with a revised Certified Survey Map prepared for Viola Roling for property owned and located in the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 8, Township 1 North, Range 1 East, in the Town of Benton, Lafayette County, Wisconsin. *Motion (Droessler, Sheffer) to approve the Certified Survey Map as presented contingent upon final approval from Keith Dalsing related to the changes requested and confirmation with the Town of Benton that it is ok with a 60' right of way should this become a township road . Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

Dave Halloran was present and advised the board he had accepted the appointment to Lafayette County Board as the supervisor of district #16. Halloran indicated he is on a number of committees and is available anytime for issues/concerns the village board might have.

McCrea asked Halloran's opinion of the prevailing wage change being presented in the state budget. Halloran was not familiar with this proposal and Hendricks was asked to send him a copy of the village's recent resolution opposing the legislation.

Lawrence reported that the Tastefully Simple fundraiser for playground equipment was in process and an estimated \$200.00 had been raised. News from the Dubuque Racing Association is expected within the next month.

The board was reminded of the village's recent award from the Southwest Wisconsin Economic Development Coalition 2009 "Cool Community" Award recipient. Maggie Langkamp, Gary McCrea, Katey McCarthy, Rose Walton and Darnell Hendricks will be attending the award ceremony Thursday, April 16th, 2009 in Fennimore at Southwest Technical College.

The revised Cross Street improvement schedule was approved by general consent.

The agenda item related to the purchase of water meters was tabled until the next board meeting.

Office Gudgeon was present at 7:20 p.m. A discussion was held with officer Gudgeon related to enforcement of the village's dog running at large ordinance. Officer Gudgeon indicated he did not issue any citations for a recent string of violations since he had not seen the dog running at large himself. Officer Gudgeon further indicated he was told by his supervisor at the Lafayette County Sheriff's department that he was to take his direction from the Sheriff's Department, not from the village board. It was agreed that additional communication is necessary between the Sheriff's department and the Village Board. McCrea will be setting up a police committee meeting as soon as convenient.

The board was advised that the village had been awarded a 2009 Recycling Grant in the amount of \$4760.44 .

Motion (Sheffer, McCarthy) to deny the claim made by John Alexander, 190 Alma Street, Benton, WI, pursuant to the Wisconsin Statute for disallowance of claim 893.80 (1g), concerning a trip and fall incident on November 26, 2008. Roll- Sheffer –yes, McCarthy – yes, Lawrence-abstain, Walton – yes, Droessler – yes, Fladseth – yes, McCrea-yes. Motion carried.

Approved as of May 20, 2009

A discussion was held regarding a request for permission to put up a permanent bandstand in the village park. The base of the bandstand would stay up in the village park all of the time. The back of the bandstand would be removable and would only be up when the bandstand was in use. Erdenberger's have volunteered to landscape and maintain around the base by planting hostas around it. The board asked Hendricks to obtain photographs, discuss with the village's liability insurance company and then put on agenda for next special board meeting.

Consideration of a class "B fermented malt beverage license from Mrs. Laura M. Jenkins, a Barber Shop Inn-Hotell LLC was tabled until the next meeting.

A thank you letter from the Lafayette Development Corporation Board was distributed.

Motion (Fladseth, Sheffer) to hire Jessica Redfearn to assist with cutting grass this summer. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The February 2009 and March 2009 police report was distributed. Officer Gudgeon indicated he would like to change these forms to allow more detail. This change was agreed to by general consent of the board.

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

Motion (McCarthy, Lawrence) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. 8:15 p.m.