

A special meeting of the Benton Village Board was called to order by Village President, Gary McCrea, 6:00 p.m. at 14 W. Main Street, the Benton Fire House, on Wednesday, June 17, 2009, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Terry Sheffer, Lisa Lawrence, and Katey Neis. Absent: Lori Droessler and Ron Fladseth. Citizens: Carl Langkamp, Dennis Lange, and Ted Blaine. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks. 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.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide the village board members with a tour of the fire house and an opportunity to view the fire department's vehicles and equipment. Fire Chief, Carl Langkamp, took the board around the building and explained each vehicle's age, use, and approximate value.

The fire department proposal included the purchase of a vehicle to replace the 1994 GMC truck that was purchased 6 years ago and currently has 30,800 miles on it. This truck is used primarily to transport fire personnel to and from the fires. With the current amount of equipment loaded on the truck it is approximately 4000 lbs overweight when personnel is on board. The fire department's proposal was to purchase a 1999 7500 series GMC truck from a dealership in Tennessee for replacement of this vehicle. The purchase price would be \$41,000 with the fire department paying \$20,000, and each fire district being responsible for \$7,000.00 payable in 2010.

Motion (Lawrence, Sheffer) to approve a 2010 budget appropriation of up to \$10,000 (Village of Benton share) for the purchase of this vehicle. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Neis, Walton) to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

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, June 17, 2009, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Terry Sheffer, Lisa Lawrence, Ron Fladseth, Lori Droessler and Katey Neis. Absent: none. Citizens: none. Consultants: Ed Faherty, Vice President Faherty Incorporated, Greg Lincoln and Jim Leach, representatives of Allied Waste Services. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks and Jim Goffinet. Others present: Officer Brandon Gudgeon. 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 May 20, 2009, and the special meeting held May 27, 2009. Voice -all ayes. Carried.

Jim Goffinet provided an update on the status of the Cross Street reconstruction project.

Hendricks requested the park committee set up a meeting to discuss trees in the park, purchase of new benches at Swift Park, and purchase of playground equipment for Swift Park. Lawrence will set up a meeting to discuss these items.

It was agreed that the "no bikes" sign needs to be put back on the fence outside of Swift Park.

Sheffer and McCrea reported attending a meeting regarding the economic stimulus package. McCrea reported on a loan program for business owners in which the first 6 ½ years of the loan are interest free. These loans are available through December 1, 2009.

McCrea reported that it is estimated the state budget projects a 3.5% reduction in shared revenues.

Fladseth arrived at 7:08 p.m.

Droessler arrived at 7:11 p.m.

Greg Lincoln and Jim Leach, Allied Waste Services, were present with a proposal for Recycling/Solid Waste Hauling Services in the Village of Benton. The fee schedule for a 3 or 5 year term would start at \$10.85 per unit / 1st year and increase no more than 3% each year thereafter. The recycling would be picked up on a single stream basis which means it is all combined at the curb and then sorted at the recycling center in Dubuque, IA.

Ed Faherty, Faherty Incorporated, was present with his company's proposal for Recycling/Solid Waste Hauling Services in the Village of Benton. The fee schedule for a 3 or 5 year term would start at \$10.50 per unit / 1st year and increase 30 cents per year. The contract with Faherty's does not include pick up of any construction waste. The recycling is sorted directly at the curb by Faherty Incorporated.

Officer Gudgeon provided his May 2009 police report. The report highlighted four marijuana possession arrests, and 26 traffic stops.

A discussion was held regarding an ongoing noise violation problem at 266 Railroad Avenue. Officer Gudgeon indicated the county is keeping a close eye on the location and would continue to do so.

Officer Gudgeon was reminded of the trailer ordinance which prohibits trailers/campers/boats from being parked on the street for more than 48 hours.

The status of obtaining a decibel reader to take sound readings was discussed. Hendricks has contacted the village insurance company to see if they are able to assist since UW Platteville has not been able to assist with this matter thus far.

Motion (Walton, Fladseth) to approve the 2008 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report. Roll- all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Lawrence, Neis) to approve the 2008 Benton Waterworks Quality Water Report (Consumer Confidence Report). Roll – all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Lawrence) to approve vacation requests for both John Perkins and Ryan Carver. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Droessler, Neis) to approve a maintenance contract with Municipal Pipe Tool Company, LLC in the amount of \$3,000.00. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Lawrence) to approve the purchase of a spare electric fuser for a cost of approximately \$6000.00. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Droessler) to approve the 2009-2010 Liquor License renewal for "Class A" and Class "A" liquor license for Dougherty Depots, LL. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Droessler, Fladseth) to approve the Class "B" and "Class B" liquor license for Koeller Holdings, LLC. Roll ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Neis) to approve a Class "B" and "Class B" liquor license for Joseph F. McCrea VFW Post 7896. Roll ayes. Carried.

Motion (Lawrence, Droessler) to approve a Class "B" and "Class B" liquor license for A Bit o' the Irish, LLC. Roll: Walton-yes, Lawrence-yes, Droessler-yes, Fladseth-yes, Sheffer-yes, Lawrence-yes, McCarthy-abstain. Motion carried.

Motion (Lawrence, Droessler) to approve a Class "B" and "Class B" liquor license for Ron Spillman. Roll –all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Lawrence) to approve a Class "B" fermented malt beverage license for Laura Jenkins, A Barber Shop Inn-Hotel LLC dba A Barber Shop Inn-Hotel located at 30 West Main Street in the Village of Benton. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Approved as of July 15, 2009

Motion (Sheffer, Walton) to approve the 2009-2010 Operator Licenses: Joyce Koeller, Cindy Guentherman, Christine Burbach, Patty Walton, Sara Grindey, Brandy Grindey, Jim Goffinet, David Watson, Tom Cullen, Tony Dougherty, Gretta Dougherty, Jasmine Hawk, Brandee Blaine, Crystal Erdenberger, Jessica Walton, Tory Wetter, Keri Kluck, Amanda Reuter, Alice Stillmunkes, Mary Blahnick, Robert Herbst, Tana Mootz, Carolyn McCarthy, Nicholas Neis, Katey Neis, Bill Sides, Eldon Kruser, John Scanlan, David Kane, Laura Jenkins. Roll: Walton-yes, Lawrence-yes, Droessler-yes, Fladseth-yes, Sheffer-yes, Lawrence-yes, Neis-abstain. Motion carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Neis) to approve the renewal of cigarette licenses for 2009-2010 for the following: Dougherty Depots, LLC, G-G's Tap, and The Hideout. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Lawrence, Walton) to approve a picnic license for the Benton First Responders, for July 18, 2009. Roll- Roll: Walton-yes, Lawrence-yes, Droessler-yes, Fladseth-yes, Sheffer-yes, McCrea-yes, Neis-abstain. Motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding a new grant program the village would like to implement. The grant program will be named the "Village of Benton Main Street Improvement Grant". The board agreed the program should be for business store fronts along Main Street, on a reimbursement basis, and for expenses not yet incurred. The board reviewed the application and grant requirements and approved both as amended by general consent.

Motion (Walton, Neis) pursuant with Chapter 19.85 Sub (1) par (e) of WIS. STATS, adjourn to closed session for 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 refuse/recycling contract and the police protection contract. All ayes. Carried.

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

Motion (Walton, McCarthy) to approve a renewal of the refuse/recycling contract with Allied Waste Services for a term of five years for \$10.85/month per household with a maximum increase of 3% per year. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

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

Motion (Sheffer, Fladseth) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried.