

The regular meeting of the Benton Village Board was called to order by Village Trustee, Rose Walton, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Benton Business Incubator Building at 244 Ridge Avenue on Wednesday, August 19, 2009, with the following members present: Rose Walton, Terry Sheffer, Lisa Lawrence, Ron Fladseth, Lori Droessler and Katey Neis. Absent: Gary McCrea. Citizens: none. Consultants: none. Village employees present: Maggie Langkamp and Ryan Carver. Others present: Officer Brandon Gudgeon and John Reichling. 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 amended from the last regular meeting held July 15, 2009. Voice -all ayes. Carried.

Reichling was present to address any concerns about the current police situation. The board had none. Officer Gudgeon commented that he also is happy with the current situation and feels like part of the community since moving into Benton.

Lawrence brought up a concern she has with the property owners at 125 Temple Avenue and 344 Wilson Avenue addressing her with their concerns. Both Reichling and Gudgeon advised Lawrence to direct the property owners to call the non-emergency number for Lafayette County Sheriff's Department when an issue needs to be addressed.

Officer Gudgeon presented the July police report to the board. Officer Gudgeon also updated the board on the status of the continued surveillance of noise violations at 266 Railroad Avenue.

Officer Gudgeon and Reichling exited the meeting (7:15 p.m.).

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

Carver also advised the board that both pumps at the lift stations are in need of replacement or repair. Carver made a recommendation to the board to rebuild one pump now with the understanding that the other will need to be replaced or rebuilt in the near future.

Motion (Sheffer, Fladseth) to approve the rebuilding of one lift station pump for the cost of approximately \$4,453.00. Roll- all ayes. Carried.

A discussion was held regarding the application for a second driveway to be installed at 361 Creek Drive. Carver advised that the sewer line for the adjoining property is in that location and is only 3 ft deep. A driveway could crush this line or cause some freezing issues. This issue was tabled until the village employees have a chance to review and speak with the property owner.

Carver exited the meeting (7:35 p.m.).

Walton presented a proposal on behalf of the Benton Community Development Corporation to light the historical water tower, similar to church bell towers. No action was taken on this proposal.

Lawrence reported that George Morrissey of Shullsburg Municipal Electric has asked that Jim Goffinet assist in the repair of equipment that was damaged during the July 24th storm. The entire City of Shullsburg would be shut down at midnight on August 23, 2009. The board approved this by general consent.

Lawrence reported that the new park equipment was installed August 18, 2009. A thank-you poster will be made to recognize those who donated and volunteered. New benches will be installed this week depending on weather.

Lawrence made the recommendation that the old slide be removed before football season starts.

Sheffer reported that Lafayette Development Corporation funding is still up in the air. Future of the program has not yet been determined.

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Sheffer also updated the board on the Cross Street reconstruction project.

Motion (Lawrence, Droessler) to approve the application for a permanent beer garden from A Bit o' the Irish. Roll-Walton (yes), Neis (abstain), Lawrence (yes), Fladseth (yes), Droessler (yes), Sheffer (yes). Motion carried.

A joint meeting of the Benton School Board and the Benton Village Board will be held September 16, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. at the Benton High School Library to discuss a tornado shelter area at the school.

Motion (Neis, Lawrence) to approve a Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License for the St. Augustine Chapel Fund, Incorporated. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

A discussion was held regarding the installation of a convex mirror on the old water tower for safety and visibility purposes. The street committee will meet with street department employees at the location to make a more informed decision.

A preliminary population estimate of 1007 made by the WI Department of Administration was presented to the board.

A letter of support for the Go Gig grant application was presented to the board.

Results of the sound level survey taken July 2, 2009, at 30 West Main were presented to the board.

Motion (Lawrence, Neis) to approve payment of pay request #1, Lawinger Bros. Construction, 2009 Street Project-Curb and Gutter for \$14,675.99. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Fladseth) to approve an application for an operator's license for Keri Kluck. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Droessler, Sheffer) to approve a vacation request from Darnell Hendricks for September 21-25th. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Walton reported on the status of the public nuisance violations and abandoned vehicles.

Motion (Lawrence, Fladseth) to approve the change in premise description for Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor License for the street dance, September 6, 2009, 7:00 pm, to September 7, 2009, 1:00 a.m. to include Koeller Holdings, LLC; Joseph F. McCrea VFW Post 7896; A Bit o' the Irish, LLC and Ron Spillman. Roll-Walton (yes), Neis (abstain), Lawrence (yes), Fladseth (yes), Droessler (yes), Sheffer (yes). Carried.

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

Motion (Neis, Lawrence) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried.