

A special joint meeting of the Benton Village Board and the Benton School Board was called to order by Village Trustee, Terry Sheffer, at 5:30 p.m. in the Benton High School library located at 41 Alma Street on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, with the following members present: Ron Fladseth, Rose Walton, Lori Droessler, Lisa Lawrence, Terry Sheffer, and Katey Neis. Absent: Gary McCrea. School board members present: Donna White, Cindy Thumser, Tammy Lange, Tony Dougherty, Nicole Beau. Absent: Dana Hamm and Rick Lawrence. Other School employees present: Cheryl Johnson, Duane Schober, Gloria Swanson and John Timmerman. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks. Citizens present: Dennis Lange, Kenneth Blaine, Dale Brink, Carl Langkamp. Consultants 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 this special joint meeting of the Benton Village Board and the Benton School Board was to discuss an emergency storm shelter area at the school. Much of the discussion related to the logistics of what would need to be done to designate the school a public storm shelter area. Questions related to the location in the school, back-up generator availability, access to the school during hours not in operation and location in the school for citizens to go during school day, etc. It was decided that a task force should be set up to review these questions/concerns and develop a plan for approval of both boards. This task force will meet 6:00 p.m. Monday, September 21, 2009, at the Benton Fire House. The task force members include: Lisa Lawrence, Ron Fladseth, John Perkins, Carl Langkamp, Dale Brink, Tony Dougherty and possibly Rick Lawrence.

Once a plan is developed it will be submitted to both boards for approval and publication.

*Motion (Walton, Droessler) to adjourn. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*