

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 17, 2010, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Lisa Lawrence, Ron Fladseth, Lori Droessler and Terry Sheffer. Absent: Katey Neis. Citizens: none. Consultants: Keith Dalsing, K.D. Engineering. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks and Ryan Carver. Others present: Officer Eric Seiler. 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 minutes from the regular meeting held February 17, 2010, were approved by general consent.

Motion (Walton, Lawrence) to approve amendment to ordinance 2-2-9 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Benton related to changing the regular monthly meeting start time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

K.D.Engineering was present with the preliminary plans for reconstruction of Arbor Street from Bean Street to end. The board reviewed the plans for a 27' and 30' street. The review included review of budget numbers. *Motion (Sheffer, Fladseth) to approve the preliminary plans for Arbor Street from Bean Street to east end, allowing for sidewalk removal along the block from Park Street to east end, and no change in the sidewalk placement along the block from Catherine Street to Park Street, and allowing for no curb and gutter on Whaley Court and a change in the width of Whaley Court from the current 18' to 20' in pavement from Arbor Street to the elderly housing parking lot. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

By general consent the board approved holding a special meeting March 31st at 7:30 p.m. to approve the final plans for Arbor Street.

Carver was present to discuss the replacement/repair of the water and sewer mains located under Arbor Street. Carver provided estimates of \$7,466.20 for sewer force main, \$47,658.80 for water main replacement, and \$60,027.62 for sewer main replacement. *Motion (Sheffer, Fladseth) to approve the water/sewer utility replacement on Arbor Street from Bean Street to east end. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

A discussion was held regarding the trade of the village's existing John Deere X720 garden tractor and/or the purchase of a new John Deere Z925A or John Deere Z920A lawn tractor. The possibility of keeping the John Deere X720 as a second garden tractor and purchasing the new tractor was discussed. Due to these items not being factored into the 2010 park/street budget it was determined that it would be best to wait until the street project bids were opened to confirm moneys could be transferred from this area of the budget. In addition, additional bids for other tractors will be obtained prior to making a final decision on this matter.

The February 2010 police report was accepted as printed.

Motion (Sheffer, Walton) to approve an operator's permit for Heather Morrissard contingent on the receipt of the appropriate paperwork. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Authorization was given to accept sealed bids for the Trek 8000 police bike. A notice will be placed in the upcoming newsletter and bids will be opened at the regular meeting in April.

Carver reviewed the recent sanitary survey report from the Wisconsin State Department of Natural Resources for the Benton waterworks and Carver's written response to it. The report and response were approved by general consent.

Motion (Sheffer, Droessler) to approve the vacation request from Carver for 7/30/2010 to 8/8/2010. Voice vote-all ayes. Carried.

In consideration of the tough economic times many of its citizens are facing, the board agreed by general consent not to pursue a simple water rate increase that would increase the water rates by 3.4%.

Motion (Fladseth, Sheffer) to approve hiring Theresa Walton and Kane Hoffmann through the UW Platteville summer workstudy program to assist with park and general maintenance. Roll-Walton-abstain, Lawrence=yes, Droessler=yes, Fladseth=yes, Sheffer=yes, McCrea=yes. Motion carried.

Motion (Walton, Droessler) to approve installation of a "Children at Play" sign on Bean Street. Ayes-five, Nos-one. Motion carried.

Motion (Droessler, Lawrence) to approve Budget Resolution 2010-03 for changing the allocation of funds between accounts for the 2009 budget of the Village of Benton general fund. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Sheffer) to approve the Leaf and Garden, Brush pickup, supervised burn week, and compost site dates as presented. Roll-all ayes. Carried. These dates will be published in the upcoming March 31, 2010 Newsletter.

By general consent the spring 2010 hydrant flushing dates were approved. These dates will be put on the radio that week as well.

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

Motion (Walton, Fladseth) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.