

The regular meeting of the Benton Village Board was called to order by Village President, Gary McCrea, at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Benton Business Incubator Building at 244 Ridge Avenue on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Ron Fladseth, Lisa Lawrence, Chuck Wartner and Terry Sheffer. Absent: Katey Neis. Citizens: Marion Calvert, Mary Belle Whaley and Cecile McManus. Consultants: none. Village employees present: Maggie Langkamp and Jim Goffinet. 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.

*Motion (Sheffer, Walton) to approve the minutes as distributed from the last regular meeting held April 28, 2010. Voice -all ayes.*

Goffinet gave an update on the Arbor Street project. Weather permitting; the installation of sewer and water mains will be completed by the next board meeting.

Langkamp informed the board of a free marketing seminar presented by the WI Department of Tourism at the Potosi Brewery on May 26, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Any organizations that may be interested in attending should R.S.V.P. by May 24, 2010.

A second and final letter was mailed on May 7, 2010, to dog owners with unlicensed dogs. The owners were given until June 1, 2010, to get their dogs licensed before the list would be turned over to the police. On May 19, 2010, there were still 23 unlicensed dogs, 17 of which do not have current rabies information.

Lawrence will schedule a Public Nuisance Committee meeting at everyone's earliest convenience.

McCrea notified the board of the importance of Officer Seiler having a digital camera in his car. The board agreed by general consent to purchase a second digital camera to be kept in the squad car.

Sheffer pointed out that in last month's MEUW newsletter, there was mention of block grants being available for energy efficient street lighting and identified that the street lighting committee might want to look into this.

McCrea notified the board that the Lafayette County Dairy Breakfast will be held June 12, 2010, from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Darlington Ridge Farms, LLC, located at 24425 St. Peters Rd., Darlington. Public is welcome to attend.

McCrea also notified the board that he will be attending a seminar on May 25, 2010, at the First Bank Center in Platteville from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The purpose of the seminar is to address the transportation needs of Iowa, Grant and Lafayette counties.

Langkamp was reminded to replace the wreath in Village Park for the Memorial Day ceremony.

Jim Goffinet left at 6:45 p.m.

The April police report was approved by general consent.

Officer Seiler said that the Bike Rodeo at Benton Elementary School went very well.

Officer Seiler updated the board on the recent equipment repairs that have been made.

Cecile McNanus (arrived 6:50 p.m.) updated the board on the SUN (Seniors United for Nutrition) program and asked that the board approve the annual donation of \$2,000.00 towards the program.

*Motion (Walton, Sheffer) to approve the annual donation of \$2,000.00 to the SUN Program. Voice -all ayes. 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 (Walton, Sheffer) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.*

Minutes approved 6/16/2010.