

The special joint meeting of the Benton Village Board and the Benton School District was called to order by Village President, Gary McCrea, at 5:30 p.m. in the library of the Benton High School located at 41 Alma Street on Wednesday, July 21, 2010, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Katey Neis, Ron Fladseth, and Chuck Wartner. Absent: Lisa Lawrence and Terry Sheffer. Citizens: none. Consultants: none. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks. 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.

A discussion was held regarding projects the Village of Benton and the Benton School District could work on together.

The purchase and installation of new football bleachers was discussed. Additional information regarding costs and fund raising will be gathered before the next joint meeting. It was agreed that it made sense to include the Benton Booster Club in this project.

The summer recreation program was also discussed. The school indicated it was no longer able to get school aid for the baseball/softball part of this program. No further action was taken on this matter.

The village and school future marketing plans were discussed.

The submission of a joint Safe Routes to School grant application was completed July 9, 2010. The award of this grant program will be in September, 2010. This grant application was for the planning stages of this program.

Darrell Jansen indicated he might be interested in allowing an easement through his property for a walking bridge to allow safer access from the Roling Oaks subdivision to the school. If a grant is received for the Safe Routes to School, this will be an area that will need to be researched.

Motion (Walton, Neis) to adjourn. All ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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, July 21, 2010, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Katey Neis, Ron Fladseth, and Chuck Wartner. Absent: Lisa Lawrence (arrived 7:01 p.m.) and Terry Sheffer. Citizens: none. Consultants: none. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks and John Perkins. 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 minutes from the regular meeting held June 16, 2010 were approved as amended by general consent.

A brief update was provided on the status of the public nuisance violations.

Vacation request from John Perkins for vacation July 26-30, 2010 was approved by general consent.

A request from John Perkins to purchase of a piece of land adjacent to 398 Railroad Avenue, 20 feet by 10 feet, from the Village of Benton was discussed. *Motion (Walton, Wartner) to approve the sale of this land for \$200.00 contingent on all other necessary approvals and contingent on the buyer paying all legal fees, title fees, or transfer fees, as necessary.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Lisa Lawrence arrived at 7:01 p.m.

Motion (Walton, Neis) to approve operator's licenses for: Jim Goffinet, Christine Burbach, Joyce Koeller, Rachael Sporkin, Bridget Kisting, and Cindy Guntherman. Roll- all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Fladseth) to approve contracting with Struck and Irwin Paving, Inc. for \$15,244.50 to slurry seal various streets in the village. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Lawrence, Neis) to approve the sale of the John Deere garden tractor to the highest sealed bidder, Bill Mowry, for \$238.00. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Neis, Walton) pursuant with Chapter 19.85 Sub (1) par (c) of WIS. STATS, adjourn to closed session to discuss employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, including discussion related to hiring new assistant clerk/treasurer. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

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

Motion (Walton, Lawrence) to approve hiring Elizabeth Neis starting on July 27, 2010 at a wage rate of \$12.00/hour, with a twelve month probation, and with a performance review after January 1, 2011. Roll-Neis (abstain), ayes-5. Motion carried.

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

Motion (Fladseth, Lawrence) to adjourn. All ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.