

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, September 15, 2010, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Katey Neis, Ron Fladseth, Terry Sheffer, Chuck Wartner, and Lisa Lawrence. Citizens: none. Consultants: none. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks and Ryan Carver. Others present: 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, Fladseth) to accept the minutes from the regular meeting held August 17, 2010 as presented. Voice-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Lawrence) to approve Ryan Carver's attendance at a Waste Water Operator Association conference in Wisconsin Dells on October 20, 2010. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Wartner) to approve a bid from Lakeside Equipment Corporation for replacement parts for the 12MS 0.25 Micro Strainer at the wastewater treatment plant. The total cost is \$1350.00 for a dual float switch assembly. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Lawrence, Walton) to approve a bid from Water Well Solutions for a new Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) at well house #1 for a total of \$9,964.00. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Carver reported they had just recently completed cleaning the outside of the new water tower.

Carver reported he recently switched to a new chemical vendor for the water utility.

Carver reported he was in the process of cutting in the manholes and valves for cementing on Arbor Street. Once this is completed the entire project will be done.

Carver reported that the pumphouse, quanset hut, storage shed and salt shed were in the process of being painted.

Ryan left at 6:42 p.m.

Officer Eric Seiler provided the board with the August 2010 police report.

An update on the status of the public nuisance violators was discussed. The status is as follows: 171 Third Ave – property owner received a citation on 9/15/2010, 63 Temple Avenue – completed, 32 East Main Street – no action taken, owner to speak with committee chairperson, Lisa Lawrence, 127 West Main Street – new owners have now torn off back porch area, therefore nuisance abated, 33 S. Bean Street – McCrea to contact the United States Postal Service, 188 East Main Street – parking issues seem to have been abated, 404 Railroad Avenue – property owner needs to show progress toward purchasing additional land and then completion of the building or a citation will be issued, 171 West Main Street – owner to speak with committee chairperson, Lisa Lawrence, regarding property, 181 Temple Avenue – property owner was given until August 30th for completion.

Eldon Kruser arrived 6:55 p.m. Kruser would like to purchase land from the village approximately 50 feet wide by 150 feet long next to the reservoir. He would stay at least 10-15 feet from the reservoir, and would maintain the property. The purchase of this land would allow him access to his backyard. The board expressed its desire to look into the possibility of an easement versus the sale of the land. Ryan Carver will review and research requirements the Department of Natural Resources might have related to setbacks, etc. Eldon Kruser will provide a legal description and map of exactly the area he is wishing to purchase or have an easement. This item will be placed on the next agenda.

The board was advised that the National Pharmaceutical Take-Back Initiative will be held September 25, 2010, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 244 Ridge Avenue in the Benton Business Incubator Conference Room.

Sheffer indicated the property owner at 232 Arbor Street was inquiring as to the options available to them related to drainage of water onto their property since the recent street renovation project. Hendricks advised the issue had already been addressed and the area between the street and the house toward the front of their yard was going to be filled with black dirt and leveled.

Sheffer inquired as to the location for the flag pole in the park on Main Street. The board reminded Sheffer that it had been decided to put this flag pole near the corner of the park near the welcome sign.

The street committee made a recommendation that the yellow curb paint be extended from its current location an additional number of feet to the east to allow safer transit through this area on Main Street. This recommendation was approved by general consent.

Tom Slater has inquired about purchasing additional land from the Village to square up his lot at the corner of Ridge Avenue and Main Street. The board took this under review.

Motion (Lawrence, Wartner) to approve the pay request from Mowry Brothers for the 2010 Street Improvement Project in the amount of \$45,294.63. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Fladseth) to approve the pay request from Iverson Construction for the 2010 Street Improvement Project in the amount of \$44,045.65. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Wartner, Sheffer) to approve an operator license for Michelle L. Schmitt and Devan Ebersviller contingent on completion of the beverage training course. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The fall brush pick up dates were agreed upon by general consent.

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

Motion (Neis, Lawrence) to adjourn. All ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.