

The Village of Benton Regular Board Meeting 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, August 17, 2011, with the following members present: Rose Walton, Gary McCrea, Chuck Wartner, Cal Robbins, Terry Sheffer, Lisa Lawrence and Ron Fladseth. Absent: none. Citizens present: Jeremy Hefty, Jeff Smith, and Kayla Houghton. Others present: none. Employees present: Darnell Hendricks and Ryan Carver. Proper notice of the meeting had been posted in four public places; the Village of Benton Business Incubator Building, Benton State Bank, Benton Post Office, and the Zephyr Depot, in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Motion (Sheffer, Walton) to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting held July 20th and the special meetings held August 3rd and August 11th, 2011. Roll-all ayes. Motion carried.

The citizens present did not have any comments at this time.

Motion (Sheffer, Wartner) to approve the bid from Municipal Pipe Tool Company LLC for rehabilitation of eight manholes for a total of 72.50 feet at a cost of \$150.00 per foot, contingent on Municipal Pipe Tool Company counting this work as sufficient for both 2011 and 2012 maintenance contracts with the Village of Benton. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The July police report was distributed for informational purposes.

A copy of the status of the public nuisance report was distributed. Most are now in compliance, however, those not in compliance have been issued citations.

The first reading of the Ordinance Section 7-9-1 to 7-9-11 Commercial Garages and Auto Repair Shops was read and discussed. Citizens Jeff Smith, Kayla Houghton and Jeremy Hefty were present with comments on areas of concern. By general consent it was agreed to add additional wording to the definition of motor vehicles. The second reading of this ordinance will take place at the September 21st regular meeting.

Motion (Walton, Lawrence) to adopt Resolution 2011-03 Resolution to Confirm Ward Boundaries and Identify Population Changes According to the 2010 Census of Population. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

A discussion was held regarding the costs to program a second electronic voting machine. Due to the cost being close to \$1,000.00 for a heavy election year, it was decided to postpone the purchase of a second voting machine at this time.

Motion (Robbins, Wartner) to replace all of the traffic control signs currently in the village at one time for a total cost of \$3016.35 for those additional signs needing to be ordered at this time. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The first reading of the proposed new discipline and grievance procedure as required by the State Budget Act 10 was read and discussed. Minor changes will be made, and a second reading will be held at the September 21st regular meeting.

Motion (Walton, Fladseth) to approve an operator's license for Jenny Hartley. Roll- all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion (Wartner, Sheffer) to approve an operator's license for Shawn Stilson. Roll-all ayes. Motion carried.

A discussion was held related to increasing board members pay to include compensation for special and committee meetings. It was agreed that Hendricks will check with neighboring communities for their compensation levels and report back to the board at the next regular meeting.

A discussion was held regarding replacement of the sink/countertops at Swift Park. It was agreed to hold off until these are in a greater need of replacement.

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

Motion (Wartner, Sheffer) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.