

A 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 in the Benton Business Incubator Building at 244 Ridge Avenue on Wednesday, March 15, 2006, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Terry Sheffer, Rose Walton, Ron Fladseth (7:08), Cal Robbins, Ann Neis, and Lori Droessler (7:04). Absent: none. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks (7:00) and John Perkins (7:07). Visitors/Citizens present: Carl Langkamp. Consultants: 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 February 20, 2006, regular board meeting were approved by general consent.

Assistant Benton Fire Chief, Carl Langkamp, was present with an update on the current negotiated price for a fire truck chassis from Truck Country in Shullsburg, WI. Langkamp indicated the price was approximately \$150,000 total. The truck will be ordered in April, manufactured in November, and delivered to Shullsburg by the middle of December. The payment for the truck will then be due in 2007. The remaining part of the truck will be delivered in March 2007.

John arrived at 7:07 p.m.

Robbins inquired as to whether the water main in front of Terry Sheffer's house was in need of replacement. It has broken twice in the past two years during the winter months. Perkins will get a quotation for the replacement of this water main for review at the next board meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the missing/damaged curb at 25 Catherine Street. By general consent the board approved contacting the property owner about the need to have this curb and gutter replaced since it was improperly installed originally when the driveway was put in.

By general consent the board approved having Josh Netherly work at the compost site for the second and fourth Saturday in April and May. An advertisement will be posted to find a replacement for the compost site supervisor position vacated by the recent passing of Donald Vaughn.

By general consent the board advised contacting the property owner at 36 Water Street regarding removal of the vacant mobile home at this location.

Robbins voiced a concern regarding the delivery trucks parking on Bean Street when unloading at the Zephyr Depot. Robbins indicated he will contact the Zephyr Depot management regarding the matter.

McCrea updated the board that there will be an informational meeting to discuss/update citizens on the proposed Bio-Ag project in Belmont on Monday, March 27, 2006 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Motion (Sheffer, Robbins) to approve a temporary Temporary beer license for the Benton First Responders on July 15, 2006 at Benton Business Incubator Building. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Robbins, Sheffer) to approve a temporary beer license for the Benton Community Development Corporation and the Benton Lion's Club on June 3, 2006 at Benton Business Incubator Building. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

A discussion was held regarding listing the lots in the Roling Oaks Residential Subdivision. Due to the number of currently interested parties, the board decided to wait for a few months on listing these residential lots. By general consent the board approved Lori Droessler to forward a contract for the commercial lots in the Benton Business Park for board review at its next regular meeting.

Hendricks provided the board with an update on the status of the new bathroom/concession/storage building in Swift Park.

By general consent the board approved Hendricks pay request.

The board was updated on the re-issuance of the Benton Waste Water System's Wisconsin

Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit.

The board reviewed a response prepared by Ryan Carver to the Department of Natural Resources regarding the recent sanitary survey of the Benton public water system.

Motion (Neis, Fladseth) to approve an amendment to Ordinance 5-2-9, allowing a burning permit to bona-fide organizations. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Information was distributed to the board regarding an upcoming wholesale electric rate increase Alliant Energy is submitting to the Public Service Commission.

By general consent the board advised Perkins to replace the gravel it had participated in the removal of at 39 and 51 East Main Street.

Perkins left at 8:15 p.m.

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

Motion (Neis, Walton) to adjourn. All ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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