

A public hearing of the Benton Village Board was held to hear citizens comments related to the reconstruction of First Street, Third Avenue, and Creek Drive. The public hearing was called to order by Benton Village Board President, Gary McCrea, at 6:35 p.m. at 244 Ridge Avenue in the conference room of the Benton Business Incubator building on Wednesday, May 2, 2007, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Katey McCarthy, and Terry Sheffer. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks. Visitors/Citizens present: Irwin and Mary Frank. Consultants present: Keith Dalsing, K.D. Engineering. In compliance with the open meeting law, proper notice of the meeting had been posted in four public places; Benton State Bank, Benton Post Office, Benton Business Incubator Building, and the Zephyr Depot.

A discussion was held regarding the reconstruction of First Street, Third Avenue and Creek Drive. Irwin and Mary Frank indicated they would be willing to provide an easement for a storm sewer at the end of Creek Drive. Dalsing reviewed the construction schedule for the project.

The regular meeting of the Benton Village Board was called to order by Village President, Gary McCrea, at 7:00 p.m. at 244 Ridge Avenue in the conference room of the Benton Business Incubator building on Wednesday, May 2, 2007, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Ann Neis, Terry Sheffer, Katey McCarthy, Lisa Lawrence and Lori Droessler (7:05 p.m.). Absent: Rose Walton. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks and John Perkins. Visitors/Citizens present: none. Consultants present: Keith Dalsing, K.D. Engineering. In compliance with the open meeting law, proper notice of the meeting had been posted in four public places; Benton State Bank, Benton Post Office, Benton Business Incubator Building, and the Zephyr Depot.

Motion (Neis, Sheffer) to accept the minutes of the previous regular meeting held April 18, 2007 as distributed. Voice vote-all ayes. Carried.

Keith Dalsing, K.D. Engineering was available to go over the bids received for the 2007 street reconstruction project.

Motion (Sheffer, Droessler) to award the contracts for the 2007 street reconstruction projects to the following low bidders: Mowry Brothers, LLC, Augelli Concrete, and Iverson Construction a division of Mathy Construction, for a total base bid price of \$89,705.00. This base bid price includes: reconstruction of First Street from Second Avenue to Highway 11, partial reconstruction of Third Avenue from First Street to Second Street, the patching of Third Avenue from Second Street to Third Street, and the extension of Creek Drive from its current end an additional 80 feet to include the installation of a storm sewer on the south end of Creek Drive. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Keith Dalsing, K.D. Engineering, went over the construction schedule. The excavation is to be completed by June 29, 2007, curb and gutter installed by July 21, 2007, and the blacktopping completed by August 31, 2007.

Neis-left at 7:20 p.m.

Perkins requested permission to have Rusty Bastian spray the weeds and fertilize the village park. Permission granted by general consent.

Neis returned at 7:25 p.m.

A discussion was held regarding the bids received thus far for the bathrooms in the village park. By general consent the board agreed to authorize the low bids but the park committee will review if there are any questions.

McCrea reported an incident in which a person fell in front of 56 East Main Street. Hendricks will have the village engineer review the area and offer possible suggestions for improvement.

The list of streets to be sealcoated in 2007 were reviewed. *Motion (Neis, Lawrence) to accept the bid from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC in the amount of \$22,919.88 to sealcoat the following streets: White Street, Oak Street, Frontier Street, Temple Street, S. Van Buren Street, Park Avenue, and Alma Street.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Sheffer indicated the south end of the village lot located at 39 East Main Street, behind 15 East Main Street, needs to be mowed.

The procedure for determining sidewalks out of compliance was reviewed. Village employees will review the remaining sidewalks from the 2006 list and letters will be sent to property owners reminding them of the upcoming May 31, 2007, date.

Neis indicated there have been complaints regarding motorists traveling at a high rate of speed when exiting the south driveway of the school. McCrea will advise the police to watch this area and suggest to the school that a stop sign be installed at the bottom of the hill.

Perkins was dismissed at 8:03 p.m.

McCrea updated the board on the status of the post office.

Concerns regarding the current crossing guard situation were reviewed. McCrea indicated Benton school administration is addressing the issue.

Motion (McCarthy, Neis) to approve an extension to the contract with Vosberg Real Estate for the sale of the Benton Business Park commercial lots from April 30, 2007 through April 30, 2008. Roll call vote – Droessler-abstain, McCarthy-yes, Neis-yes, Lawrence-yes, Sheffer-yes, McCrea-yes. Motion carried.

Motion (Neis, Lawrence) to approve the Final Resolution authorizing street, sidewalk and curb and gutter improvements and levying special assessments against benefited property. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Droessler, McCarthy) to approve hiring an additional summer workstudy employee, Olivia Redfearn, for the 2007 summer. Voice vote. All ayes. Carried.

Motion (Droessler, McCarthy) to approve continuing the Village of Benton's Commitment to Community Programs with the Wisconsin Department of Administration for both low income and energy efficiency programs, contingent on Hendricks not obtaining additional information that would be detrimental to the decision. Voice vote. All ayes. Carried.

Members able to attend the upcoming board of review were reviewed. McCarthy, Lawrence, Sheffer, McCrea, Hendricks, Walton and Droessler all indicated they would be able to attend.

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

Perkins left at 8:20 p.m.

Motion (Sheffer, McCarthy) to adjourn. Voice vote-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Approved 6/20/2007

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