

The 2008 Street Project Bid opening was held at 6:00 p.m. on April 16, 2008. The village received bids from Mowry Brothers, R & K and Sons, Lawinger Brothers, Yeske Construction, and Boscobel Excavating, and Iverson Construction. The low bidders were Mowry Brothers for contract #1 in the amount of \$34,240.00, Lawinger Brothers for contract #2 in the amount of \$23,233.00, and Iverson Construction in the amount of \$38,399.00.

A public hearing of the Benton Village Board was held to hear citizens comments related to the reconstruction of Temple Avenue and Wilson Avenue. The public hearing was called to order by Benton Village Board President, Gary McCrea, at 6:30 p.m. at 244 Ridge Avenue in the conference room of the Benton Business Incubator building on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Katey McCarthy, Lori Droessler, Ron Fladseth, Lisa Lawrence, Rose Walton, 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 Temple Avenue and Wilson Avenue. Dalsing reviewed the plans for reconstruction as well as the construction schedule for the project. The project should be completed no later than August 28th. No property owners were available at this public hearing other than Lisa Lawrence.

The 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, April 16, 2008, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Lori Droessler, Lisa Lawrence, Terry Sheffer, Ron Fladseth and Katey McCarthy. Absent: none. Citizens: Peg Roberts and Kay Brink. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks and Ryan Carver. 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; the Zephyr Depot, Benton State Bank, Benton Post Office, and the Benton Business Incubator Building.

The minutes from the regular meeting held March 13, 2008 were approved as distributed/amended.

Roberts was present with a request that the board approve the installation of a permanent handicapped parking stall in front of her house. With consideration given that Roberts home is very close to a commercial district which has more parking on a day to day basis than a residential area, *motion (Sheffer, Droessler) to allow a handicapped parking stall in front of 33 West Main.* Roll: Walton-abstain, Droessler-yes, Lawrence-yes, Sheffer-yes, Fladseth-yes, McCarthy-yes, McCrea-yes. Motion carried.

Carver was present and gave an update on the sewer rehabilitation needed on Van Buren Street and Water Street. *Motion (Sheffer, Lawrence) to approve the sewer rehabilitation necessary on Van Buren Street and Water Street.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The board reviewed the bids received at the bid opening for the 2008 Street Project. Dalsing advised that all bidders were qualified contactors. *Motion (Sheffer, Droessler) to award the following contracts: Contract #1, Street Excavation-Mowry Brothers in the amount of \$32,240.00, Contract #2, Curb and Gutter-Lawinger Brothers in the amount of \$23,233.00, Contract #3, Asphalt Paving-Iverson Construction in the amount of \$38,399.00 with a supplemental bid of \$290.00, for a total project cost of \$95,872.00 plus engineering and contingencies.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (McCarthy, Walton) to approve the Final Resolution Authorizing Street, Sidewalk and Curb and Gutter Improvements and Levying Special Assessments Against Benefited Property for 2008 Street Construction Projects. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Lawrence) to approve the purchase of a multi-gas monitor from J & R Supply for \$1230.00 plus \$360.00 for a refillable calibration kit. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The board was provided a copy of the March Police Report for informational purposes.

The board reviewed a request from Marcella Fuller for an extension to the existing nonconforming structure status of her vacant mobile home located at 150 Arbor Street. *Motion (Lawrence, McCarthy) to approve an extension to this existing nonconforming structure status until June 1, 2008. The structure must either be occupied or moved completely off of the lot by June 1, 2008.* Voice-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (McCarthy, Lawrence) to approve an operator's license for Jessica Walton. Roll: Walton-abstain, Droessler-yes, Lawrence-yes, Sheffer-yes, Fladseth-yes, McCarthy-yes, McCrea-yes. Motion carried.

Motion (Droessler, Fladseth) to approve an operator's license for Sonya Hoag. Roll-all ayes Carried.

Motion (Droessler, Walton) to approve a donation to the Cole Acres Swimming Pool in the amount of \$2,000. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

An approval was given by general consent to relocate and construct a sewer manhole in place of a current sewer lamp hole on Wilson Avenue and replacement of all sewer lines under Temple Avenue. This will allow the future sewerage of additional lots off of Wilson Avenue and Frontier Street if necessary.

Motion (Sheffer, Walton) to approve Carver's recommendations for sewer rehabilitation on Temple Avenue, with a contingency for removing the 120 feet of sewer line if at all feasible. All ayes. Carried.

Walton reported that the public nuisance committee will be meeting soon to discuss various properties in the village which are in non-compliance.

The board asked Hendricks to look into the tree ordinance and the village's ability to force the removal of a tree that is in the public right of way and is a public nuisance.

The board agreed by general consent not to sell the vacant lot it owns on Catherine Street. This lot was purchased previously by the village as a potential lot for the construction of a new municipal building. At this time the board is not willing to eliminate that future option by selling the lot.

Lawrence advised the park committee would like to see the old ball field located near Whaley Court ready for use by the middle of May, as T-ball practice is held at this location.

Motion (Lawrence, Walton) to approve the replacement of all yield signs with stop signs in the Roling Oaks Subdivision. Voice vote-all ayes. Carried.

It was agreed by general consent not to put any children at play signs up at this time. This item will be readdressed if the stop signs and additional patrolling do not help in reducing the concerns.

No action was taken on the 2008 Slurry Sealing contract. This item will be place on the May 21st agenda to allow Goffinet to provide a recommendation of action.

The board was advised of the upcoming New Municipal Officials Workshops and 2008 Regional Dinner Meetings.

The board was advised that the Benton Wastewater Utility had been nominated by the Wisconsin Rural Water Association as Wastewater System of the Year, however had not received the final award.

Motion (Lawrence, Droessler) to approve the sale of the village's 1991 One Ton Dual Wheel GMC Utility Truck to Wisconsin Electrical Enterprises for a purchase price of \$3,500.00. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Fladseth) to approve a Resolution Approving the Adoption of MEUW Safety Manual for Use by Benton Municipal Utilities. Voice – all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Walton) to approve Resolution 2008-005 Accepting a Petition for Annexation of parcels 06.269.20 and 06.269.50 from the Town of Benton. Roll- Roll: Walton-yes, Droessler-abstain, Lawrence-yes, Sheffer-yes, Fladseth-yes, McCarthy-yes, McCrea-yes. Motion carried.

Motion (Sheffer, McCarthy) to approve an Ordinance Providing for the Direct Annexation of a Portion of the Town of Benton in Lafayette County to the Village of Benton, identified in the Town of Benton as parcels 06.269.20 and 06.269.50. Roll- Roll: Walton-yes, Droessler-abstain, Lawrence-yes, Sheffer-yes, Fladseth-yes, McCarthy-yes, McCrea-yes. Motion carried.

Motion (Lawrence, McCarthy) to approve an Application for temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License-Benton Community Development Corporation, May 17, 2008, at the Benton Business Incubator Building. Roll- Roll: Walton-abstain, Droessler-yes, Lawrence-yes, Sheffer-yes, Fladseth-abstain, McCarthy-yes, McCrea-yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion (Walton, McCarthy) to adjourn. Roll-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Approved 5/21/2008

Posted 5/27/2008

I, Darnell Hendricks, Village Clerk-Treasurer of the Village of Benton, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the original minutes of the regular meeting of the Benton Village Board held at 7:00 p.m. on the 16th day of April, 2008.

Darnell Hendricks
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Subscribed and sworn to before this ___ day of ____, 2008.

_____, Notary Public, Lafayette County, WI

My commission expires_____.