

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 of the Benton Business Incubator Building at 244 Ridge Avenue on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Lori Droessler (7:05 p.m.), Lisa Lawrence, Terry Sheffer, Ron Fladseth and Katey McCarthy. Absent: none. Citizens: Carl Babler and Richard Stauffacher. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks and John Perkins. Consultants present: Dirk Milestone, Jerry Brendemuehl, and Mike Zagrodnik. 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 April 16, 2008, and the Board of Review held May 14, 2008, were approved as distributed/amended.

Representatives of the Benton Bible Church, Richard Stauffacher and Carl Babler, were present to discuss three issues related to the church. The church inquired as to the feasibility of allowing diagonal parking on First Street. The board advised the village engineer had researched this issue previously. At that time the village engineer had determined that diagonal parking would only increase the parking capacity on the street by one parking space. Due to the minimal spacing benefit, and decreased visibility, it was agreed to not allow diagonal parking on First Street.

Babler and Stauffacher asked for a copy of the alternate side parking ordinance. Hendricks will forward a copy to Babler and Stauffacher.

Babler and Stauffacher inquired as to what the cost would be to have a new electric service provided to the north side of the playground area. Perkins will look into this and provide an estimate.

Dirk Milestone and Jerry Brendemuehl gave a presentation regarding their bid for the village's 2008-2009 liability insurance which is renewing June 1, 2008. Brendemuehl provided background and premium information from Continental Western Insurance. The total premium bid was \$15,503.

Mike Zagrodnik gave a presentation regarding the bid from the League of Wisconsin Municipality Municipal Insurance Company. Zagrodnik discussed the differences in coverages between the League's policy and Continental Western's policy. The total premium bid was \$15,519.

Motion (Sheffer, McCarthy) to approve the renewal of the village's liability insurance with the League of Wisconsin Municipality Municipal Insurance Company for a premium of \$15,519. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Bids related to the slurry sealing project for 2008 were reviewed. *Motion (Sheffer, McCarthy) to approve the slurry seal bid from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, L.L.C. in the amount of \$18,017. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

Motion (Fladseth, Lawrence) to approve a request from the Benton Business Incubator for a \$5,000 loan for operating expenses. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Approval was granted by general consent to allow the closing of Arbor Street from Bean Street to Catherine Street, May 22, 2008, from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Jim Goffinet's vacation request was granted by general consent.

Perkins left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Motion (Sheffer, Lawrence) to approve an operator's license for Christina Burbach. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Lawrence, Sheffer) to approve an operator's license for Kim Brown. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

A discussion was held regarding a request from a private citizen to purchase and install children at play signs. The street committee will review various locations throughout the village that these “children at play” signs might be needed. It was agreed by general consent that the village should be purchasing and installing these signs in its right of way when it is deemed appropriate by the board. This matter was deferred to the street committee.

The April 2008 monthly police report was provided for informational purposes.

Motion (Sheffer, Walton) to approve renewal of a maintenance agreement with Midwest Business Products for the village office copier. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

An estimate was provided for fixing the exterior of the brown shed located at Swift Park. *Motion (Lawrence, Walton) to approve the expenditures necessary to refurbish the old brown storage/shelter house at Swift Park. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

A discussion was held regarding police coverage in the Village.

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

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

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 21st day of May, 2008.

Darnell Hendricks
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this ____ day of _____, 2008.

_____, Notary Public, Lafayette County, WI

My commission expires_____.