

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, June 18, 2008, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Lori Droessler (7:02 p.m.), Lisa Lawrence, Terry Sheffer, Ron Fladseth (7:09 p.m.) and Katey McCarthy. Absent: none. Citizens: Marcella Fuller. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks and Jim Goffinet. Consultants present: 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 regular meeting held May 21, 2008, were approved as distributed.

Marcella Fuller was present with a request for a second extension to the existing nonconforming structure status of her vacant mobile home located at 150 Arbor Street. *Motion (Sheffer, Walton) to approve an extension for the vacant mobile home located at 150 Arbor Street until September 1, 2008. The structure must either be occupied or moved completely off of the lot by September 1, 2008.* Roll-All ayes. Carried.

Jim Goffinet provided the board with a status report on the installation of the new sewer line on Temple and Wilson Avenue.

Sheffer inquired as to what the plan was for repairing the broken blacktop near 563 & 551 Galena Street. The board indicated it had decided at a previous meeting that it would saw cut and then resurface this area when it has Temple and Wilson Avenue resurfaced.

Sheffer inquired as to the status of the storm sewer project on Arbor Street. Sheffer was reminded that this storm sewer is part of this year's street project and would be completed once the utility work is completed on Temple and Wilson Avenue.

By general consent it was agreed that the public nuisance committee needed to meet and stay current on the properties in non-compliance.

Sheffer indicated there is a hole that needs to be filled at 121 Park Street. Hendricks will do a workorder to have this completed.

By general consent it was agreed that the street committee needs to meet to do a sidewalk and tree inspection. It was further agreed that a contractor would be hired to replace any sidewalks not in compliance after the grace period. The street committee will review other sidewalk policies from other communities and make a recommendation to the board at a future meeting.

By general consent it was agreed that only property owners with existing sidewalks would be required to replace sidewalks on Temple Avenue. It had been suggested by a citizen that sidewalk be extended the entire length of Temple Avenue, however, in consideration of the fact that the entire block of Temple Avenue from Wilson Avenue to Cross Street does not currently have sidewalk, it was agreed by general consent not to require any new sidewalk on this street.

The idea of a one-time all inclusive clean-up project for village resident's was discussed. By general consent it was agreed to pursue offering residents a special one-time curb-side clean up during the month of August. Hendricks will work out the details with Allied Waste. No hazardous waste will be accepted. It was agreed that the public nuisance committee should meet some time prior to this so people receiving notices will have another option for getting rid of extra items that might constitute a public nuisance.

The board was made aware of a new dry cleaning drop-off service to be offered by the Zephyr Depot in the near future. By general consent the board agreed to allow a notice regarding this new dry cleaning drop off sight to be put in the upcoming July newsletter.

Sheffer inquired as to whether diagonal parking would be allowed on First Avenue for parking by the Benton Bible Church. The board reiterated its earlier decision not to allow this diagonal parking.

Rose Walton updated the board on an upcoming insurance fair that Woodworth Insurance is planning for August 15th and 16th. Woodworth Insurance would like to have our village police officer present to provide demonstrations with a roll over simulator for this insurance fair. The time commitment includes time for the police officer to use a village truck to travel to and from Madison, as well as time to be trained for the simulator's use and the time at the insurance fair. The officer has agreed to rearrange his work schedule to allow this. The board approved this by general consent.

Lawrence asked about getting bases for the old ball field area. It was agreed to see if the Booster Club would agree to purchase these.

Lawrence advised that she would be setting up an electric committee meeting to continue the discussion regarding new Main Street lights.

Hendricks advised that a piece of playground equipment (swings) at Swift Park is in need of removal due to it being a safety hazard. This equipment will be taken out promptly.

The board was advised of the upcoming Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Annual Meeting will be held July 22nd, at the Belmont Convention Center at the Baymon Inn in Belmont. Hendricks, McCrea, McCarthy and Walton all indicated they were interested in attending.

Motion (Lawrence, McCarthy) to approve the Compliance Maintenance Resolution 2008-006 for the Village of Benton. Voice vote-all ayes. Carried.

The board approved the 2007 Benton Waterworks Quality Water Report (Consumer Confidence Report) by general consent.

Motion (Droessler, Walton) to approve a request from "A Bit o' Irish for a 75 X 75 foot beer garden to the rear of their property on June 28th from 4 p.m. until midnight. Roll: Walton-yes, Lawrence-yes, Droessler-yes, Fladseth-yes, Sheffer-yes, Lawrence-yes, McCarthy-abstain. Motion carried.

The board was provided a copy of the denial from the league of WI Municipalities for a claim for property damages at 15 E. Main Street.

The May 2008 Police report was provided for informational purposes.

Motion (Droessler, McCarthy) to approve the installation of two "Children at Play" signs in the Roling Oaks subdivision. These signs will be paid for and installed by the village. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Lawrence) to approve the 2008-2009 Liquor License renewals as follows: Class "A" and "Class A" liquor license for Dougherty Depots, LLC and Class "B" and "Class B" liquor licenses for Koeller Holdings, LLC, Joseph F. McCrea VFW Post 7896, A Bit o' the Irish, LLC, and Ronald Spillman. Roll: Walton-yes, Lawrence-yes, Droessler-yes, Fladseth-yes, Sheffer-yes, Lawrence-yes, McCarthy-abstain. Motion carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Droessler) to approve the 2008-2009 Operator Licenses: Joyce Koeller, Cindy Guentherman, Patty Walton, Sara Grindey, Brandy Grindey, Jim Goffinet, David Watson, Tom Cullen, Tony Dougherty, Brandee Blaine, Kim Brown, Crystal Erdenberger, Jessica Walton, Alexandria Graf, Tory Wetter, Keri Kluck, Amanda Reuter, Mary Blahnick, Robert Herbst, Tana Mootz, Carolyn McCarthy, Nicholas Neis, Katey McCarthy, Steven Symons, Chris Hoppman, Bill Sides, Eldon Kruser, and David Kane. Roll: Walton-yes, Lawrence-yes, Droessler-yes, Fladseth-yes, Sheffer-yes, Lawrence-yes, McCarthy-abstain. Motion carried.

Motion (Walton, McCarthy) to approve the renewal of cigarette licenses for 2008-2009 for the following: Dougherty Depots, LLC, G-G's Tap, and The Hideout. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The board was provided information regarding Alliant Energy EL07-14 Settlement Refund, and Rate Changes.

Motion (Sheffer, Lawrence) to approve a picnic license for the Benton First Responders, for July 26, 2008. Roll- Roll: Walton-yes, Lawrence-yes, Droessler-yes, Fladseth-yes, Sheffer-yes, Lawrence-yes, McCarthy-abstain. 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. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Approved July 16, 2008

Posted July 29, 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 18th day of June, 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 _____.