

The regular meeting of the Benton Village Board was called to order by Village President, Gary McCrea, at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Benton Business Incubator Building at 244 Ridge Avenue on Wednesday, September 20, 2008, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Terry Sheffer, Lisa Lawrence, Lori Droessler, Ron Fladseth (7:31 p.m.). Absent: Katey McCarthy and Rose Walton. Citizens: none. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks and Jim Goffinet. Consultants and others present: Officer Paul Klang. 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 August 20th, 2008, were approved as distributed.

Goffinet reported on an ARC Flash study that is required to be completed on the electric system by January 1st, 2009. Goffinet and Perkins will be obtaining bids from at least two contractors. This item will be placed on the next agenda for approval.

Goffinet indicated Perkins had started putting the roof coating on the Swift Park storage building. Additional materials will be ordered to complete the other repairs for this building.

Sheffer reminded Goffinet of a hole near the United Methodist Church parsonage that is in need of repair.

The street committee will hold a meeting at 10:00 a.m. Monday, September 22nd, to review the status of the sidewalk repairs. A reminder letter will be sent to any property owners that have not yet completed the necessary repairs.

Lawrence reported on the park committee's meeting held September 3, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. The park committee recommended that \$7000.00 be put in the 2009 budget for the sole purpose of purchasing new playground equipment. Additional funds will be sought through fund raisers and donations.

The request for a handicapped parking location at 30 West Main Street was referred to the street committee for its recommendation.

Officer Klang was present to discuss his August, 2008 police report.

A letter of apology from a 10 year old juvenile that had participated in the break-in and burglary at Swift Park was distributed.

Fladseth arrived at 7:31 p.m.

Goffinet left the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

The first reading of Ordinance Number 08-02, adding 10-2-91 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Benton related to Floodplain Zoning specifically related to establishing eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program and meeting the requirements of 44 CFR Part 60.3 (a) was read.

Motion (Droessler, Lawrence) to approve the 2008 Fall leaf, garden waste, and brush pick up and burning dates. Voice-all ayes. Carried.

A summary of the Alliant Energy refund to the Benton Municipal Utilities in the amount of \$9,403.72 was discussed.

Motion (Droessler, Lawrence) to approve a pay request for Mowry Bros, LLC. - 2008 Street Reconstruction Project-Pay request #2, in the amount of \$3,042.27. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Fladseth) to approve a pay request for Iverson Construction - 2008 Street Reconstruction Project-Pay request #1-in the amount of \$37,946.97. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Lawrence, Fladseth) to approve a pay request for Iverson Construction-2008 Street Miscellaneous Patching and Driveway completion-Pay request #1-\$6,220.19. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Lawrence, Fladseth) to approve the 2009 Budget timeline as presented. Voice-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Droessler) to approve a donation of \$100.00 to the Point of Beginnings. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

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

Motion (Sheffer, Fladseth) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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