

The Village of Benton Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Village President, Gary McCrea at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Benton Business Incubator Building at 244 Ridge Avenue on Wednesday, October 17, 2012, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Chuck Wartner, Rose Walton, Ron Fladseth, Terry Sheffer, Cal Robbins, and Lisa Lawrence. Absent: none. Citizens present: Janet Johnson, Bill Foltz, Carl Langkamp, and Leo Scanlan. Employees: Darnell Hendricks and John Perkins. Others present: Officer Chris Donar. Proper notice of the meeting had been posted in four public places; the Village of Benton Business Incubator Building, Benton State Bank, Benton Post Office, and the Zephyr Depot, in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Motion (Sheffer, Fladseth) to approve minutes from the following meetings: regular board meeting September 19, 2012, public nuisance committee meeting September 20th and October 10th, water and sewer committee meeting October 2, 2012, and personnel committee meeting October 8, 2012. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Library director, Janet Johnson, and library board president, Bill Foltz, presented the library's 2013 budget. *Motion (Sheffer, Wartner) to approve the library budget for 2013 with a village allocation of \$35,247.65.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Robbins, Sheffer) to approve a \$300.00 donation to Swindler's Ridge for sewer utility charges and a \$400.00 donation for assistance with increased insurance costs. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Carl Langkamp was present with information related to the purchase of a new fire truck in 2015. It is still estimated to be a total cost of \$225,000.00 with an allocation of \$75,000 each taxing jurisdiction. By general consent it was agreed to approve the installation of a new roof on the fire house for a price of \$10,730.00. This cost will be split three ways as well.

The board approved the Hazel Green Rescue squad's 2013 budget allocation of \$9315.00 by general consent.

Perkins updated the board on the status of the street lighting project. Perkins indicated five of the thirty street lights had been completely installed.

Walton updated the board on the recent ordinance committee meetings. A discussion was held regarding storage buildings, the burning ordinance, the zoning ordinance, the dog license and a water and sewer connection ordinance.

Wartner reported on the two public nuisance meetings that had been held related to empty and dilapidated buildings.

Robbins indicated the water and sewer committee had met and authorized the drafting of an ordinance related to connection to water and sewer mains in the village. The draft ordinance is on the agenda for its first reading tonight.

McCrea updated the board on the personnel meeting held October 8th. Another meeting will be held on October 22nd to finalize negotiations for a 2013 to 2014 contract with village employees.

Allied Waste had indicated it would provide a bid in January 2013 for using various size carts in the Village for trash and recycling pick up.

Motion (Lawrence, Walton) to approve a donation of \$50.00 to the Driver Opera House Restoration Fund. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The discussion related to the purchase of GPS mapping equipment was deferred until the November 2012 regular board meeting.

The board was updated on the public hearing held by the United States Postal Service office in the Village of Benton and the reduction of hours for this office from eight hours to four hours starting in January 2013. It was agreed by general consent to not sign a contract to become a village post office that sells stamps and provides flat rate boxes. Rather the village will sell stamps it purchases from the Benton post office thereby not diverting revenue away from the Benton post office, which might potentially reduce hours in the future even further.

The August and September 2012 police reports were reviewed and approved by general consent. *Motion (Sheffer, Robbins) to approve an operator’s license for Lauren Wahl.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The 2013 street reconstruction project plan was approved by general consent. Hendricks will obtain an updated estimate from K.D. Engineering and provide it to the board at its next meeting. The board reviewed the proposed 2013 budget timeline and approved it by general consent.

The bids for the Trek bike were opened. The low bidder was Cheryl Kieler at \$75.00.

The first reading of Section 9-5-1 to 9-5-13 related to Water Utility Operating Rules was read and changes will be made as suggested.

The first reading of Section 9-6-1 to 9-6-18 related to Sewer Utility Operating Rules was read and changes will be made as suggested.

The first reading of Section 7-1-6 related to Keeping of Dogs, Cats, Fowl and Other Animals was read.

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

Motion (Lawrence, Walton) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
October 17, 2012

September GENERAL RECEIPTS

Appliances	15
BBI-mgmt fees	347.67
Benton High School-school paint	147.60
Benton State Bank-interest.....	36.55
Building Permits (1)	25.00
Driveway Permit.....	10.00
Tires.....	8.00
Town of Benton-fire dept. expense.....	4101.79
Refuse Collections-garbage	4471.65
TOTAL	9,163.26

September/October GENERAL DISBURSEMENTS

Alere Toxicology-drug testing	62.75
Alliant Energy-garage,lib,fire house gas.....	35.77
Allied Waste-recycling & refuse pickup	4,216.48
AT&T-long distance: office, 2nd line, fax, library	8.27
Badger Sporting Goods-basketball nets.....	37.82
Bard Materials-cement for storage bins	744.56
Benton Muni. Utilities-garage,parks, FD,flasher,st lights,lib,boy sct cabin.....	7,834.95
Benton State Bank-library rent \$390	390.00
CenturyLink-phone/DSL FD, lib, police	159.94
Chase-keyless entry; cake	214.37
Citgo-police, streets,parks, grounds, FD, recycling fuel expense	556.95
Electronic Federal Tax Payment Services-taxes (SS, Med, Fed) settle 10/3	1,962.18
Electronic Federal Tax Payment Services-taxes (SS, Med, Fed) settle 10/17	2,074.27
Employee Trust Funds-insurance w/h	4,232.30
Fawcett’s Garage-squad car oil change/tire rotate.....	55.54
The Hartford-9/25/12 deferred comp	665.00
The Hartford-10/12/12 deferred comp	665.00
Hazel Green Rescue Squad-2012 assessment	8,862.00
John Deere Financial-gator blade	57.36
Keleher, Dan-14 straw bales	42.00
Lafayette Cty Hwy Dept-population signs	182.00
Lafayette Cty Sherriff’s Dept-policing 7/23/12-8/18/12.....	4,640.00

McCrea, Gary-mileage reimbursment: Grow WI meeting	88.80
Medical Associates Clinic-drup test.....	19.00
Midwest Business Products-staples	41.27
Mowry Brothers-salt/gravel bins work.....	82.50
Northern Safety-ear plugs	43.33
Principal Life-life insurance.....	223.61
Quill-paper; tax forms;stamp pad	24.39
Symons, Katherine-cleaning office and library 9/19-10/14.....	240.00
UW-Platteville-workstudy.....	80.00
Wartner, Charles-mums for planters	50.00
Wayne Manufacturing-50% down payment for Christmas decorations	8,130.00
WI Dept of Revenue-payroll w/h	93.06
Ryan Carver-9/28 payroll less taxes.....	1,335.94
James Goffinet-9/28 payroll less taxes	1,088.54
Darnell Hendricks-9/28 payroll less taxes	1,194.77
Janet Johnson-9/28 payroll less taxes	417.13
Kathleen Leverton-9/28 payroll less taxes	78.54
John Perkins-9/28 payroll less taxes	1,136.42
Elizabeth Schoenmann-9/28 payroll less taxes.....	542.96
Susan Ward-9/28 payroll less taxes	38.92
Ryan Carver-10/12 payroll less taxes.....	1,321.71
James Goffinet-10/12 payroll less taxes	1,120.80
Darnell Hendricks-10/12 payroll less taxes	1,274.38
Robert Hoyer Jr.-10/12 payroll less taxes	160.39
Janet Johnson-10/12 payroll less taxes	244.65
Kathleen Leverton-10/12 payroll less taxes	52.37
John Perkins-10/12 payroll less taxes	1,227.33
Elizabeth Schoenmann-10/12 payroll less taxes.....	648.41
Susan Ward-10/12 payroll less taxes	87.56
TOTAL	58,786.29

September ELECTRIC & WATER RECEIPTS

Electric Collections	53,262.97
Water Collections.....	15,913.07
TOTAL	69,176.04

September/October ELECTRIC & WATER DISBURSEMENTS

Alliant Energy-purchased power thru 9/13	
Alliant Energy-m-rets 2011 & 12.....	32.83
Alliant Energy-pump house, well 2 gas	23.96
CenturyLink-wtr,ele phone	185.52
Citgo-ele, wtr, st lights fuel	414.21
Crescent Electric-Main St Lighting supplies	89,376.66
Department of Administration-PSC code renewal.....	14.00
DNR-muni wtr supply operator certification	45.00
Gassers-ele,wtr supplies	32.97
Hach-job cal license	731.48
J&R Supply-fire hydrant; roller/tube assembly; ball valve	3,899.00
Martelle Water Treatment-chemicals.....	182.70
Midwest Business Products-staples	82.50
Mowry Brothers-Cty J water leak repair: crush rock, stone, excavator; hydrant work	678.00
Owen's Excavating & Trenching-trenching/air mole for new ele service	582.00
Public Service Commission-2012-2013 advance assessment	557.71
Quill-paper;tax forms;stamp pad	48.77
Seera-Focus on Energy-9/30/2012 public benefit fees	342.17
United States Postal Service-utility bill postage	93.00
WI Environmental Improvement Fund-clean wtr fund loan interest	2,803.68
WI State Lab of Hygiene-wtr tests	40.00

TOTAL 100,166.16

September SEWER RECEIPTS

Sewer Collections 17,495.66

TOTAL 17,495.66

September/October SEWER DISBURSEMENTS

Alliant Energy-wwtp & sewer storage gas 22.23

AT&T-long distance WWTP 2.64

Benton Municipal Utilities-WWTP & LS utilities 1,364.87

CenturyLink-WWTP phone & DSL 90.39

Citgo-swr fuel 15.52

Gasser's-swr supplies..... 20.25

Hach-job cal license 731.47

LV Laboratories-swr testing..... 326.00

Midwest Business Products-staples 41.25

Quill-paper;tax forms;stamp pad 24.38

WI Envioronmental Improvement Fund-swr clean wtr fund loan interest..... 7,824.78

WWOA-conference fee; 2 yr membership..... 180.00

TOTAL 10,643.78