

A 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, July 28, 2006, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Lori Droessler, Ann Neis, and Ron Fladseth (arrived at 7:05 p.m.). Absent: Cal Robbins, Terry Sheffer. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks (7:00 p.m.) and Ryan Carver (7:00 p.m.). Consultants: 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.

By general consent, the meeting minutes of the regular meeting held June 21, 2006 and the June 28, 2006 special meeting were approved as amended.

Carver presented information related to extending the storm sewers located on Creek Drive and Riverside Drive. The recommendation for the storm sewer located between 140 and 190 Creek Drive is to drop the storm sewer approximately six feet and extend it an additional fifty feet. The recommendation for the storm sewer located between 190 and 226 Creek Drive is to extend the grass water way an additional 30 feet to the south east. The recommendation for the storm sewer located between 290 and 310 Creek Drive is to break up the rip rap and redistribute it. *Motion (Neis, Walton) to approve extending and redoing the storm sewers located on Creek Drive as recommended at an estimated total cost of \$2800.00.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Carver then provided two options related to repairing the storm sewer at 391 East Main Street. These options will be discussed with the property owner prior to the next regular board meeting at which time a final decision will be made. The two options discussed include installation of a rock shoot similar to others in the community, while the second option would be to connect the storm sewer to a culvert pipe located on village property.

Carver reported on the televising of the sewer main for Cross Street. Carver indicated there is a small amount of work to be done prior to the reconstruction of this street. The Street Committee indicated it will be meeting to make its recommendations related to the reconstruction plans for Cross Street.

Carver provided an update on the electric consumption at the wastewater treatment plant since installation of the new blower. It appears the payback for the new blower is on track with the original prediction if not a little bit ahead of schedule.

Carver indicated the televising of the storm sewer beneath Calvert Street had been completed and showed no obvious places where it was in bad shape. The recommendation would be to not replace it at this time.

Motion (Droessler, Fladseth) to approve hiring Lafayette County to sealcoat several locations around the village including; Swift Park driveway and parking area, the new well house driveway and parking area, and the village garage driveway and parking area, for a total cost of approximately \$2180.00. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Neis) to contract with Struck and Irwin Paving, Inc. to slurry seal White Street, Ridge Avenue, Creek Drive and First Street. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

McCrea reported on a recent meeting he attended regarding Bio-Ag.

Carver left at 7:53 p.m.

A discussion was regarding the cost sharing amount for a plaque in memory of Keith Farrey. By general consent the board agreed to contribute up to \$300.00 for the cost of this plaque.

Motion (Neis, Droessler) to approve the installation of a 15 minute parking limit sign for two stalls at 42 W. Main Street (in front of the Benton State Bank) with all costs associated with the signage being paid by the property owner. All ayes. Carried.

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Motion (Fladseth, Walton) to grant a cigarette license to Randy's Auto Center at 188 E. Main Street. Roll ayes. Carried.

A discussion was held regarding the allowance of open intoxicants on Main Street for the annual Benton Community Development Corporation's street dance Labor Day weekend. McCrea and Sheffer will provide the dimensions for describing the area as outside beer garden from 8:00 pm. until midnight.

By general consent the board agreed the minimum charge for cutting lawns not in compliance with the grass length ordinance should be increased from \$25.00 to \$100.00. This change will be presented at the next regular board meeting.

Motion (Neis, Droessler) to grant a request from the Benton Bible Church to close First Street from Third Avenue to Second Avenue on August 6, 2006, from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Neis, Fladseth) to disallow a request from Viola Roling for a variance from the sewer credit policy. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Walton, Droessler) to have the village engineer complete a property survey at 39 East Main Street. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

A general discussion was held regarding donation of a residential building lot to the Habitat for Humanity organization. Charles Voight will be available at the next regular meeting to answer questions related to this organization.

Motion (Walton, Droessler) to approve an operator's license for Velma Dixon, David Kane, William Sides, and Keri Kluck. Roll-all ayes. Carried

Information related to Mediacom's upcoming rate increase was distributed.

By general consent the board approved the Planning and Zoning Commission's report related to the discontinuance of Treganza Street.

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

Motion (Walton, Fladseth, Robbins) to adjourn. All ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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