

The regular meeting of the Benton Village Board was called to order by Village President, Gary McCrea, at 7:00 p.m. at 244 Ridge Avenue in the conference room of the Benton Business Incubator building on Wednesday, March 21, 2007, with the following members present: Rose Walton, Ann Neis, Cal Robbins, Terry Sheffer, and Gary McCrea. Absent: Lori Droessler (arrived 7:15 p.m.) and Ron Fladseth. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks and Jim Goffinet. Visitors/Citizens present: Officer Paul Klang, Richard Stauffacher, Arnold Alt, and Glenn Chambers. Consultants present: none. In compliance with the open meeting law, proper notice of the meeting had been posted in four public places; Benton State Bank, Benton Post Office, Benton Business Incubator Building, and the Zephyr Depot.

Motion (Sheffer, Neis) to accept the minutes of the previous regular meeting held February 21, 2007. Voice vote-all ayes. Carried.

Officer Paul Klang was present with information regarding a neighborhood watch program. The board took the information under advisement until the next meeting.

Jim Goffinet went through K.D. Engineering's proposal related to the reconstruction of First Street, the resurfacing of Third Avenue, and the completion of Creek Drive.

Option A for First Street would involve moving the sidewalk on the north side right next to the street and have a retaining wall behind the sidewalk. This would eliminate the steep slope currently located between the sidewalk and the street.

Option B would allow the sidewalk to be left at the current grade.

By general consent it was agreed to go with option B.

Options discussed related to the repair of Third Avenue were as follows: A) the construction of new curb and sidewalks on the east side of Third Street and patching the road in with a 2" blacktop patch on a 12" granular base, B) the construction of new curb and sidewalks on the east side of Third Street and replacing 32' wide road with a 3 1/2" blacktop surface on a 12" granular base. By general consent it was agreed to bid Third Avenue both ways and make a determination based upon costs.

Options were discussed related to completing the south end of Creek Drive. Option A included labor and materials for construction of new curb on the south end of Creek Drive and installing 3 1/2" of blacktop on a 12" granular base. This option would allow the water to drain to the south. Option B included the costs of labor and materials for construction of new curb on the south end of Creek Drive and installing 3 1/2" of blacktop on a 12" granular base. This option would drain to the north storm sewer and would include removing approximately 90' of the existing road. Option C would include part of Option A but also included a new storm sewer, however, no estimates were available for the design or costs related to this option. *Motion (Droessler, Walton) to bid Creek Drive using option A but with an alternate bid for option C.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Glenn Chambers was present with a request for an extension to the period of time allowed for the property located at 55 South Bean Street to remain a non-conforming use. *Motion (Sheffer, Robbins) to grant an extension to allow the current owners of 55 Bean Street additional time to sell the property and the new owners to have it occupied by May 1st.* Roll: Walton-abstain, Droessler-yes, Neis-yes, Fladseth-yes, Sheffer-yes, Robbins-yes. Motion carried-one abstention, six yes.

By general consent the board agreed to have Hendricks request bids for the village's liability insurance.

By general consent the board approved hiring up to two work-study students this summer. Hendricks will follow up with submitting the paperwork to UW Platteville.

A general discussion was held regarding the ongoing public nuisance violations located at 69 South Van Buren Street, 171 West Main Street, and various other locations. The public nuisance committee will set up a meeting to follow up on these locations.

A discussion was held regarding the design/layout of a new bathroom facility in the village park. *Motion (Walton, Sheffer) to authorize proceeding with the construction of new bathroom facilities in the village park using the plan with a 22' by 22' addition to the existing shelter house which includes three stalls in the women's restroom, two stalls in the men's and a smaller storage area.* All ayes. Carried.

Bids from two companies were reviewed for a new cable and pipe locator. The village employees were able to test the locator at a recent open house. Village employees recommended the purchase of the Metrotech 9860 Cable and Fault Locator from HD Supply Waterworks, LTD for a purchase price of \$2,995.00. *Motion (Robbins, Sheffer) to purchase the locator as recommended from HD Supply Waterworks, LTD.* All ayes. Carried.

A discussion was held related to the bids received for trading in our existing tractor. A vehicle long range planning committee comprised of McCrea, Sheffer, Robbins and village employees was formed. This committee will review all village vehicles and develop a long range plan as to the replacement/maintenance of all village vehicles.

The final cost breakdown associated with the construction of the Swift Park concession/restroom facility was distributed. The final bill has been sent to the Benton Booster Club for its portion of the project.

Motion (Neis, Walton) to authorize Gary McCrea to sign the Cooperative Agreement Between Lafayette County and the Village of Benton To Provide Educational Efforts Regarding Recyclables and Clean Sweep. Voice vote-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Robbins) to approve Resolution 2007-03 Designating the National Incident Command System (NIMS) as the Basis for Incident Management in the Village of Benton. Roll call-all ayes. Carried.

Bids were opened for the tires from the police car. *Motion (Neis, Droessler) to accept the bid from Chuck Stephens for \$100.00 for the police car tires.* Roll call-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Robbins, Sheffer) to authorize bids for the reconstruction of First Street, completion of Creek Drive and resurfacing of Third Avenue. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Robbins, Walton) to authorize operator's licenses for Jim Goffinet and Sandra Rowe contingent on both certifying completion of the seller training class. All ayes. Carried.

The board was made aware of the recent nomination of the Benton Water System to receive the Wastewater System of the Year Award. In addition, the board was made aware of the recent nomination of Ryan Carver as the District 5 Operator of the Year Award. Winners of the awards will be announced at the upcoming opening session of the 19th Annual Technical Conference.

Motion (Sheffer, Walton) to approve a temporary burn permit for the Benton Boy Scouts for the weekend of April 27th-29th. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

By general consent the board approved the 2007 Spring Leaves, Garden Waste, Brush Pick Up and Burn Weekend dates. A flyer will be mailed with each April 1, 2007, utility bill.

It was agreed that the alternate burn weekend date would be April 27th-29th if it is inclement the weekend of April 20th-22nd.

Information related to the Cole Acres Pool Profit and Loss statement for January through December 2006 was distributed.

Motion (Neis, Walton) to approve the final survey map for land located in the northeast one-quarter of the southwest one-quarter and the southeast one-quarter of the northwest one-

quarter of Section nine (9), Township (1) North, Range One (1) East, in the Village of Benton.
Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Droessler, Sheffer) to authorize the pay off of the prior service unfunded balance of the Wisconsin Retirement System in December 2007, with an estimated balance of \$24,100 to be paid.. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The claims against the Village were presented for payment. *Motion (Droessler, Walton) to pay the claims against the Village with a correction to the listed amount payable to John Perkins on his February 23, 2007 payroll check.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Droessler, Neis) to adjourn. Roll-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.