

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, August 20, 2008, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Ron Fladseth, Terry Sheffer and Lori Droessler. Absent: Katey McCarthy and Lisa Lawrence. Citizens: none. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks and John Perkins. 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 July 16, 2008, were approved as distributed.

John Perkins updated the board on the 2008 street project of Temple and Wilson Avenue. It is expected that the street will be prepped by the end of the week and blacktopped the week after.

By general consent it was approved to send both Maggie Langkamp and Darnell Hendricks to the PSC Training and MEUW Accounting & C.S. Seminar, September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

By general consent the board approved submitting the public nuisance at 69 South Van Buren Street to the building inspector for corrective action.

Hendricks requested permission on behalf of Randy and Kathy Hocking to use the village's lot located at 39 East Main Street to park their concession trailer on August 31<sup>st</sup> for the BCDC Street Dance. Perkins indicated electricity would be available from the BCDC's meter sockets located on the pole located in the northwest corner of the lot. Hocking's will need to get permission from the BCDC to use this outlet.

By general consent the board approved sending a letter to the owners of the property located at 260 Creek Drive regarding completion of their driveway.

A letter of apology was read from one of the youths involved with the recent break-in at Swift Park.

The board was provided a status of all the public nuisance violations still pending.

*Motion (Droessler, Walton) to approve the second reading of Section 12-5-1 through 12-5-7 of the Benton Municipal Code. Roll: Fladseth-no, Sheffer-no, Walton-yes, Droessler-yes, McCrea-yes. Motion carried with three yes and two no votes.*

*Motion (Sheffer, Droessler) to have Section 12-5-1 through 12-5-7 reviewed in its entirety by the ordinance committee. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

Officer Paul Klang was present with a few questions related to the public nuisance list and storage of a vehicle he plans on towing.

Terry Sheffer asked that copies of abandoned vehicle ordinances from other communities be researched and forwarded to him before section 12-5-1 through 12-5-7 are reviewed.

Officer Klang requested that the street committee review parking from on the north side of Main Street from 196 West Main Street to 242 West Main Street. Klang is concerned that the width of the streets makes it dangerous when there are cars parked on the north side of the street. Cars are forced into the oncoming lane of traffic when traveling west. In addition, Klang requested the street committee review parking from 343 W. Main Street to 65 Third Avenue.

Droessler left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

*Motion (Walton, Fladseth) to adopt an amendment to ordinance 12-1-21 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Benton related to the Parking Restrictions During Temporary Snow Removal or Street Maintenance, specifically related to parking on both sides of the street on Third Avenue from First Street to Second Street, and First Street from Third Avenue, during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday and Sunday. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

The July 2008 police report was distributed for informational purposes.

*Motion (Walton, Sheffer) to approve a Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License to the St. Augustine Chapel Fund, Incorporated. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

*Motion (Sheffer, Fladseth) to approve a pay request for Mowry Bros. LLC in the amount of \$28,939.99, for the-2008 Street Reconstruction Project. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

*Motion (Fladseth, Walton) to adopt an amendment to ordinance 10-7-6 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Benton related to Unsafe Buildings. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

The board reviewed the Department of Administration's preliminary population estimate as of January 1, 2008 of 1002 for the Village of Benton.

*Motion (Sheffer, Walton) to approve an operator license for Joseph R. Meyer and Erin N. Groom. Voice vote-all ayes. Carried.*

A request from Darnell Hendricks for four days of vacation was approved by general consent.

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) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.*

Approved September 17, 2008

Posted September 19, 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 20th day of August, 2008.

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Darnell Hendricks  
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2008.

\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public, Lafayette County, WI

My commission expires\_\_\_\_\_.