

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, May 20, 2009, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Terry Sheffer, Lisa Lawrence and Ron Fladseth (7:20 p.m.). Absent: Lori Droessler and Katey McCarthy. Citizens: none. Village employees present: Maggie Langkamp and Ryan Carver. Consultants and others present: Officer Brandon Gudgeon. 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.

Motion (Sheffer, Lawrence) to approve the minutes as distributed from the last regular meeting held April 15th and the special meeting held April 29th. Voice -all ayes. Carried.

Ryan Carver updated the board on the progress of the Cross Street project.

Maggie Langkamp read two letters that the Village received. One was from a local citizen thanking the board for painting the curb on Alma Street near the school yellow. The other was from Boy Scout Troop 459, McHenry, IL, thanking the Village for allowing them to camp at the boy- scout cabin April 24-26th for the Boy Scouts Grant Pilgrimage Weekend.

Langkamp informed the board that a band would be playing at 12 Park Avenue after the graduation ceremony. The board advised Langkamp to notify the residents that the board would allow the band to play until 11:30 p.m.

Lisa Lawrence reported that the Village received a grant from the Dubuque Racing Association for \$2,500.00 for playground equipment. Lawrence also presented the board with \$2,000.00 from the Alexander Scholarship fund and the Tastefully Simple Fundraiser raised \$202.00 also for playground equipment.

Terry Sheffer reminded Village employees of the upcoming Memorial Day services in Village Park and the need for the grass to be mowed and branches to be picked up.

Gary McCrea updated the board on the meeting he attended in Monroe regarding the prevailing wage issue in the State's budget.

Motion (Lawrence, Walton) to approve the purchase of up to 30 new water meters at \$103.00 each. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Lawrence) to approve Jim Goffinet's vacation request for June 15-19. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Sheffer, Walton) to approve Darnell Hendricks' vacation request for June 1-4. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Langkamp notified the board that UWP Industrial Studies professor, Dr. Linda Bouck, is willing to let the village borrow their decibel reader when available.

Motion (Sheffer, Lawrence) to hire Kane Hoffman, Jacob Lange and Theresa Walton for summer work-study help. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Officer Brandon Gudgeon presented the board with the April police report. He also informed the board that he is working on putting together a bike safety course for the grade school kids for the first week in June.

Ryan Carver and Officer Gudgeon left at 7:35 p.m.

Information on the 2009-2010 Liability and Property Insurance Renewal was distributed and approved by general consent.

Bids for the solid waste and recycling contract were given to all board members. Two bids were received and the issue will be placed on the June agenda for awarding the contract.

Motion (Walton, McCrea) to approve the renewal of the copier contract with Midwest Business Products. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

The board was reminded of the upcoming Board of Review on May 28, 2009, at 3:30 p.m.

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

Motion (Fladseth, Walton) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. 7:55 p.m.