

The regular meeting of the Benton Village Board was called to order by Village President, Gary McCrea, at 6:30 p.m. on February 16, 2011, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Rose Walton, Katey Neis, Chuck Wartner, and Lisa Lawrence. Absent: Terry Sheffer and Ron Fladseth. Ron Fladseth arrived at 6:43p.m. Citizens: none. Consultants: none. Village employees present: Darnell Hendricks and Ryan Carver. Others present: Officer Eric Seiler. 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 (Walton, Neis) to approve the minutes as distributed.* Voice vote-all ayes. Carried.

Bids that had been received for a utility trailer to transport the mini-excavator were discussed. It was agreed that village employees should look for a used trailer.

*Motion (Lawrence, Wartner) to approve Carver's attendance at the WRWA 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Technical Conference March 29<sup>th</sup> -April 1<sup>st</sup>.* Voice vote-all ayes. Carried.

*Motion (Wartner, Lawrence) to allow Carver to carry over 40 hours of vacation time from March 17, 2011 until July 17, 2011.* Voice vote-all ayes. Carried.

Carver left at 6:35 p.m.

Officer Eric Seiler was present and provided the January 2011 Police report.

The village employees were instructed to put up no parking signs on the south side of Alma Street from Railroad Avenue to South Van Buren Street.

Fladseth arrived at 6:43 p.m.

Officer Eric Seiler left at 6:44 p.m.

Presentations were heard from three vendors: Municipal Code, James Bonneville, (\$16,200); General Code, Marcia Clifford, (\$11,405); and Community Code Service, Allan Harvey, (\$3995). All provided overviews of their companies services related to recodification of the village ordinance's. No decisions were made at this time.

Committee reports-none.

*Motion (Lawrence, Wartner) to accept the recommendations from the personnel committee for the personnel manual with formal approval of these recommendations to be made at the next meeting.* Voice- all ayes. Carried.

The 2011 Fire Dept budget, including budgeted reserves was reviewed.

The board was invited to the upcoming Lafayette County Highway Department lunch meeting at noon on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Terry Sheffer, Gary McCrea, John Perkins and Jim Goffinet will plan to attend this meeting.

The board was updated on the status of the Benton Community Foundation. The foundation has recently met its \$50,000 fund raising goal and is continuing its fund raising efforts. Grant applications are now available and due June 17, 2011. These grant applications are available online at [www.cfsw.org](http://www.cfsw.org).

*Motion (Neis, Walton) to approve the customer service agreement between W P & L and the Village of Benton.* Roll- All ayes. Carried.

*A discussion was held regarding the purchase of new directional signs for the village. Additional information will be obtained prior to the next meeting before a final decision is made.*

*Motion (Lawrence, Fladseth) to approve Hendricks' attendance at a free conference sponsored by the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.* Roll-all ayes. Motion carried.

*Motion (Neis, Walton) to approve Hendricks' attendance at a meeting sponsored by MEUW related to development of personnel manuals.* Roll- all ayes. Motion carried.

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

*Motion (Walton, Neis) to adjourn.* Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.