

The public hearing of the Benton Village Board was called to order by Village President, Gary McCrea, at 6:15 p.m. at 244 Ridge Avenue in the conference room of the Benton Business Incubator building on Wednesday, December 2, 2015, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Cal Robbins, Jessica Polfer, Terry Sheffer, Chuck Wartner, Rose Walton and Jim Sysko. Village employees present: Beverly Hitz 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.

A discussion was held regarding the 2016 General Fund Budget. *Motion (Sysko, Wartner) to adjourn.* Voice-all ayes. Carried. The hearing adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Benton Village Board was called to order by Village President, Gary McCrea, at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Benton Business Incubator Building at 244 Ridge Avenue on Wednesday, December 2, 2015, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Jim Sysko, Terry Sheffer, Rose Walton, Jessica Polfer, Chuck Wartner and Cal Robbins. Absent: None. Village employees present: Beverly Hitz and Ryan Carver. Others present: Gary Gilbert 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, Polfer) to approve minutes from the regular village board meeting held on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015, special meeting held November 16, 2015, ordinance committee meeting held November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and personnel committee meeting held December 1, 2015 as presented.* Roll-all ayes. Carried

Gary Gilbert from Hazel Green explained that Lafayette County would not allow ATV traffic on County W from Jenkynsville Road to Dump Road. Gary asked if the Village Board would consider a route to reach Dump Road. The township has already approved ATV Traffic on Dump Road.

*Motion (Sysko, Wartner) to approve an ATV route on South Van Buren from Alma Street to Dump Road.* Roll-all ayes. Carried. Bev Hitz will prepare an ordinance amendment to add the new route.

Ryan Carver updated the board on current phosphorous readings from the river. He also discussed possible locations for a new dog kennel. This project will be put off until spring.

Ryan left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Gary presented the new contract received from Smrcina Inspections LLC.

*Motion (Robbins, Walton) to renew the contract for Uniform Dwelling Code Enforcement Services (building inspection) with Smrcina Inspections LLC for 2 years from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

*Motion (Wartner, Walton) to leave the contract with Redfearn for crop land rent at \$275 per acre for 2016.* Roll-all ayes. Carried.

*Motion (Walton, Robbins) to approve the Class "B" and Class "B" liquor license for McCarthy's Tavern LLC. 12/2/2015 thru 6/30/2016* Roll-all ayes. Carried

*Motion (Robbins, Polfer) to disallow the claim for \$4,210.00 for appliances and repairs at 28317 Highway 11 from October 2<sup>nd</sup> thru October 26, 2015 against the Village of Benton. Claim was received on November 3, 2015.* Roll-all ayes. Carried

*Motion (Walton, Sheffer) to adopt the 2016 General Fund Budget with a local tax levy of \$144,530.00.* Roll-all ayes. Carried

Pursuant with Chapter 19.85 Sub (1) par (c) of WIS. STATS, *motion (Walton, Polfer) to adjourn to closed session to discuss employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, including discussion regarding compensation for Jim Goffinet's promotion to Electric Superintendent.* Roll-all ayes. Carried. Adjourned to closed session at 7:00pm.

*Motion (Sysko, Sheffer) to reconvene to open session.* Roll-all ayes. Carried. Reconvened to open session at 7:05 p.m.

*Motion (Sysko, Walton) to increase pay for Jim Goffinet \$2.00 per hour to compensate for his promotion to Electric Superintendent. Roll-all ayes. Carried.*

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

*Motion (Sheffer, Wartner) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.*