

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, October 17, 2018, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Katey Neis, Jill Knight, Chuck Wartner, Kenneth Farrey, Terry Sheffer and Cal Robbins. Village employees present: Beverly Hitz and Eric Mowry Others Present: Michelle Savatski, Scott Cruse, Bob Knight, Nick Neis and Jim Beau

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,Neis) to approve minutes from the regular village board meeting held on September 19th, 2018 as presented. Voice-all ayes. Carried

Eric Mowry explained the progress for the subdivision. The sewer installation is not quite done. They ran into rock a couple of times and that has delayed the process. He said there is less than 100 feet left to install. The water is not to the base of the hill yet by the Boy Scout Cabin. The curb and gutter installation is $\frac{3}{4}$ done and should be complete in the next couple of days. The plan is to get the blacktop done yet this year. He also received the street signs he ordered and will be replacing missing signs. He will also place street name signs on top of stop signs where he can to make things look less cluttered. A stop sign will be placed on White Street in the new subdivision as well.

A lengthy discussion regarding ATV/UTV trails in the Village took place. It was decided that Bev Hitz should put together an amendment to our current ordinance and bring it to the November 14th, meeting. The ATV/UTV route will now include East Hwy 11 from the village limits to County J South, County J South from East Main Street to the Village Limits. West Hwy 11 from the Village limits to County J North. It will also include Water Street from Bean Street to North Van Buren.

Chuck Wartner said he was asked to look into new equipment at the Village Park. Bev will try to find out if there are any grants available to help with new equipment.

Motion (Sheffer,Robbins) to approve temporary operator's license for Sophie and Maggie Dougherty at the Benton Zephyr. Roll-all ayes. Carried

Motion (Robbins,Sheffer) to approve fire department training at 515 Arbor Street in the Village of Benton. Chief Neis says that they will be sending materials in for testing and then plan to burn it down in the spring of 2019. Roll-all ayes. Carried

Motion (Robbins,Wartner) to purchase .83 ACRES -107.0339.0000 & .05 ACRES -107.0337.2310 from Viola Roling with a price of \$8,500 per acre, plus the cost of curb and gutter \$1389.30. Roll-all ayes. Carried

There was information and discussion regarding the public hearing for a new building that would house the Library/Museum and a Community Room. The Library is out of space and cannot expand at their current location. The Museum cannot be climate controlled and the building is in need of costly repairs. This is just in the beginning stages and much work is needed to move forward. There were 30 People at the Public Hearing. There was also a meeting with the Community Fund of Southern Wisconsin to inquire about the best way to go forward with donations and financing. Ken Farrey mentioned adding funds to the General Fund Budget for a feasibility study.

Motion (Knight,Neis) That the Village Board support the Library/Museum & Community Room Project. Voice-all ayes. Carried

Motion (Sheffer,Farrey) to pay the claims against the Village. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Motion (Wartner,Knight) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.