

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, January 16, 2019, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Kenneth Farrey, Katey Neis, Cal Robbins, Jill Knight and Chuck Wartner. Absent: Terry Sheffer
Village employees present: Beverly Hitz and Ryan Carver
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 (Robbins,Neis) to approve minutes from the budget hearing and the regular village board meeting held on December 5, 2018 as presented. Voice-all ayes. Carried

Ryan Carver made a request for Jimmy Haas to participate in a school to work program. He would work 2 hours per day. Ryan presented a list of jobs that could be done in that 2 hour time frame. The rate of pay would be \$10 per hour. There has been no confirmation yet that the school will approve this.

Motion (Robbins,Farrey) to approve the request for a school to work program 2 hours per day for Jimmy Haas as presented by Ryan Carver. Roll-all ayes. Carried

Ryan updated the board on the plans for building a chemical building that is necessary to store and dispense chemicals used in the reduction of phosphorus. Jill Knight asked if we could get any money back from the County that we pay because of high levels to use in building this building? Ryan will be checking with the County and other sources to see if there are any funds available. He has plans to order bulk product with the Cuba City or Shullsburg (this depends on the product we use) to keep the costs down.

Katey Neis and Beverly Hitz will work together to reschedule the Holiday Party and new invitation will be sent.

Beverly Hitz presented a vacation request for June 20 through July 7, 2019.

Motion (Farrey,Wartner) to approve the request for vacation from June 20-July 7, 2019 for Beverly Hitz. Roll-all ayes. Carried

Gary McCrea has received a request to build on to the current Business Incubator Building. Jill Knight will put together a meeting for the BBI as a starting point to discuss this request.

Jill Knight has plans to start investigating ways to obtain new equipment for our parks. She will be working with Stacey Addie on this project.

The claims against the Village were presented for payment.

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

Motion (Wartner,Robbins) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.