

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, June 19, 2019, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Cal Robbins, Terry Sheffer, Katey Neis, Jill Knight, Chuck Wartner and Kenneth Farrey. Village employees present: Sonya Silvers, Ryan Carver and Brad Schumacher, Others Present: Chuck Voight, and Jason Robbins. 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 (Farrey, Sheffer) to approve minutes from the regular village board meeting held on May 15, 2019 after date amendment. Voice-all ayes. Carried

Ryan Carver reported that they will run the water main up over the hill after July 4th. Ryan is still doing the phosphorous pilot testing. He has been slowly adjusting the levels of alum to see where we need to be per the allowed. The sewer building should be started in August. They will meet with John Perkins at the end of July to start ordering the supplies for the building. Jim has called in locates for the street lights in the subdivision and they will be starting to install those next week.

Jill Knight mentioned that the new playground equipment will be installed on June 27th. They will also be taking out some of the old equipment earlier in the week. Eric Mowry will be the contact for the project.

Chuck Voight addressed the board with concerns about the low funding at Cole Acres. He is asking for coordination with Cuba City to maintain the pool and keep it open. Gary McCrea will reach out to Cuba City board member Lee Weber to talk about possible solutions.

Concerns were mentioned about the lights on Bean Street not working. All the wires burned out and Jim will need to boar down and redo all the wiring. He is currently waiting on Century Link to do locates.

Gary McCrea mentioned that the Lafayette Development Corporation and the Lafayette County Economic Development Committee will have their joint annual meeting Thursday, July 18th at 5pm in Wiota.

The Village will not renew the current compost site lease agreement with Scott Bennett. A new compost site lease agreement will be signed with William Keleher and the compost site will be moving to his property on N. Bean Street in the Town of Benton before July 1st.

Motion (Wartner, Sheffer) to approve moving the compost site to N. Bean Street in the Town of Benton and signing a new 2 year lease agreement with William Keleher. Roll-all ayes. Carried

Gary McCrea reported at there were two buildings inspected for an order to raze. He stated at this time only the property at 17 W. Main Street will be considered for the raze order. Jason and Cal Robbins requested a copy of the inspection report. Chuck Wartner presented the report to them. Jason Robbins requested permission to speak to the board. Gary McCrea granted his request. Discussion was held regarding the home.

Motion (Wartner, Sheffer) to issue an order to raze the residential dwelling at 17 W. Main Street in the Village of Benton. Knight - Yes, Wartner-Yes, Sheffer-Yes, McCrea-Yes, Neis & Farrey – abstained, Robbins-(conflict of interest) Motion Carried

Ryan Carver presented the 2018 Benton Waterworks Quality Report and the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report and Resolution 2019-01.

Motion (Farrey, Wartner) to approve the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report and Resolution 2019-01. Roll-all ayes. Carried

Motion (Sheffer, Knight) to approve the renewal of the following licenses for 2019-2020:

Class "A" and Class "A" liquor license for Dougherty Depots, LLC.

Class "B" and Class "B" liquor license for Lawrence's Outback, LLC.

Class "B" and Class "B" liquor license for Joseph F. McCrea VFW Post 7896.

Class "B" and Class "B" liquor license for McCarthy's Tavern, LLC.

Class "B" and Class "B" liquor license for The Bend in the River, LLC.

Wartner, McCrea, Robbins, Farrey, Sheffer & Knight all Yes Votes, Neis - abstained

Motion Carried

Motion (Sheffer, Farrey) to approve/renew the following operators for 2019-2020 operators' licenses:

Operator License renewals- Shane Lawrence, Bradley Lawrence, Rory Lawrence, Tony Dougherty, Dennis Stillmunkes, Dana Dougherty, Vicki Stilson, Cody Kluck, Gretta Stilson, Margaret Dougherty, Dawn Tiesman, Kayla Dougherty, Sophia Dougherty, John J. Scanlan, Eldon Kruser, David Kane, Carolyn K. McCarthy, Sarah McCarthy, Katey Neis, Nicholas Neis, Kelsie Goffinet, William Sides, Heather Morrisard, Susan Hoppenjan, Rita Buchholz.

Wartner, McCrea, Robbins, Knight, Sheffer & Farrey all Yes Votes, Neis - abstained

Motion Carried

Motion (Neis, Wartner) to approve the renewal of the following licenses for 2019-2020:

Cigarette License for the Dougherty Depots, LLC dba Zephyr Depot.

Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Dittmer submitted a rate increase of 2% for the Village effective July 15th, 2019. The rate will go from \$12.57 to \$12.82 per dwelling.

Motion (Sheffer, Robbins) to accept the rate increase of 2% effective July 15th, 2019 from Dittmer Recycling. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Eric Mowry made a request for permission to sell the old zero turn mower on the Wisconsin Surplus Auction Website.

Motion (Knight, Neis) to authorize Eric Mowry to sell the old zero turn lawn mower on the Wisconsin Surplus auction site at a price he deems reasonable. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Discussion was held on revising the current sick leave pay-out policy in the personnel manual. This will be tabled until the next board meeting when a rewritten policy can be submitted for approval.

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

Motion (Neis, Sheffer) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.