

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, July 17, 2019, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Cal Robbins, Katey Neis, Jill Knight and Chuck Wartner. Absent Kenneth Farrey and Terry Sheffer. Village employees present: Beverly Hitz and Jim Goffinet. 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,Wartner) to approve minutes from the regular village board meeting held on June 19, 2019. Voice-all ayes. Carried

Jim Goffinet reported that the 6 storm damaged trees at Village Park were removed. Also, the trees, branches and brush stored at the parking lot by Swift Park have been chipped and removed. He suggests that we consider replacing some of the trees at Village Park. He will be contacting Tim Wiederholt to rent a cable plow to get the electric wire buried for the new light poles in Roling Oak Heights. We continue to have problems with the street lights on South Van Buren. We did some boring and then replaced a light pole and now will have to do some more boring. Problems with burnt wires underground. They will finish installing the new park equipment next week. We may need one more bag of rubber mulch.

Gary asked when the street sweeping, painting of curbs and parking lines would be done. The street sweeping is done continuously as time allows. The painting of curbs and parking lines is slated for August.

Chuck Wartner reported an ATV is driving on Main Street every day. Very early in the morning. Wondering if Brad can identify who it is and let them know Main Street is not on the route.

A copy of the proposed change to the policy for Sick Leave Payout was discussed. Payout of accumulated sick leave to employees who enter the Wisconsin Retirement System with at least 20 years of service with the Village of Benton. The employee must give notice by October 1st of the year preceding their intended retirement date to qualify.

Motion (Knight,Neis) to approve the payout of sick leave at retirement as presented.

Roll-all ayes. Carried

Gary McCrea reported that he had called Cuba City regarding the Cole Acres pool funding. He will be attending there next committee meeting to discuss. We will move this to a future meeting to discuss once he has more information.

The Electronics pick up will be Wednesday August 14th.

Motion (Robbins,Knight) to approve the request for Beverly Hitz to attend the Annual Wisconsin Municipal Clerk's Conference August 20th-23rd. Roll-all ayes. Carried

There was a short discussion about an addition to the Benton Business Incubator. No action taken.

The discussion on speed boards will be moved to the next meeting. Brad is still waiting for bids.

Motion (Robbins, Wartner) to approve/renew Mary Blahnik's Operator's License for 2019-2020.

Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Jill Knight informed the Board that there will be 2 all day Community Center meetings on July, 24 & 25 from 9:30 AM to 5:30PM. They are open to the public. Each day at 6pm the Advisory Committee will meet.

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 7:05p.m.