

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, September 18, 2019, with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Cal Robbins, Katey Neis, Jill Knight, Chuck Wartner, Kenneth Farrey and 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 (Farrey,Sheffer) to approve minutes from the regular village board meeting held on August 21, 2019. Voice-all ayes. Carried

The discussion and possible action on speed boards has been delayed until we get further information.

Ryan reported that they plan to get the water main in yet this year. The rain has been a big factor in getting things done. He has had two estimates for repainting the fire hydrants. One was \$75 and the other was \$85 each.

Kenny asked how the alum was working for the phosphorus. Ryan said he has managed to reduce the phosphorus levels from 3-4 ml down to under 1. With the cost of alum this is saving us about \$2100 per month in fees to the county.

Gary inquired about the lights for Roling Oaks Heights and the progress for the new compost site. He also asked about the street sign for 2nd Avenue on Main Street(that was hit by a semi driver). Ryan explained that Eric will add it to the stop sign that is in Lutes yard.

Jill Knight asked that we send a Thank You to Myrna Sysko and Mary Mowry for their volunteer service decorating in the Village. The updated planters with fall decorations are beautiful and they continue to weed and take care of the flowers. We really appreciate all they do.

Ryan left at 6:55.

Motion (Robbins,Sheffer) to approve leaf and garden waste pick up dates October 28th and November 11th, and brush pick up November 13th. Voice-all ayes. Carried

Motion (Robbins,Neis) to approve supervised burn dates November 1st-10th. Voice-all ayes. Carried

We will put something in the December newsletter asking about interest in text messages.

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

Motion (Robbins,Sheffer) to adjourn. Voice-all ayes. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:35p.m.