

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 16, 2021 with the following members present: Gary McCrea, Katey Neis, Jill Knight, Chuck Wartner, Terry Sheffer, and Kenneth Farrey. Absent: Cal Robbins. Village employees present: Sonya Silvers and Eric Mowry. Others Present: Joe Rettenemeier, and Matt Pivit. 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 19, 2021 as presented. Voice-all ayes. Carried***

An RFP went out for bid request for waste/recycling weekly pickup. There were two sealed bids received. Bids were opened and proposals were looked over. Joe Rettenemeier from Dittmer recycling and Matt Pivit from Republic Services were present. Each representative made a brief statement. Discussion will be held and a decision reached at the end of the meeting.

Eric reported they will start the water main project on Monday. They have been wrapping up a lot of odds and end projects. The curb on Galena Street was replaced, dirt, seed, and the sidewalk was completed at the sewer plant, pad poured at the BCDC park and the fountain could be installed next week, man holes have been raised and the cones will be removed.

Leland suggested the new trees at the park get watered once a week and Jim is taking care of that. The new mower for the skid loader was picked up from K & L. Jill and Katey will meet Eric on Thursday regarding the basketball court. Eric would like to get rock in so it has time to settle.

ATV speed signs were ordered. The speed sign that was hit has been fixed.

Sonya presented the 2020 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report and Resolution 2021- 01.

***Motion (Farrey, Neis) to approve the 2020 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report and Resolution 2021-01. Roll-all ayes. Carried***

Gary introduced the Resolution #2021-02 declaring that, since the public interest requires it, Treganza Street will be vacated and discontinued. A public meeting will be held August 18<sup>th</sup> with publications on July 22, July 29, and August 6, 2021.

Jill advised that the Library will open as normal. No appointments will be required but the Librarian will be limiting guest to five at any given time.

Chuck mentioned that the Public Nuisance Committee had a meeting and will follow up in the future.

Gary mentioned that the library has requested an additional parking spot in front of the library. There is actually already two small spots there the library can use. The Village will not mark a spot so they will need to put a sign out that says library parking if they wish to use it. Abby Haas will be coming to a future meeting to educate the board on different funding options and uses for current funding.

***Motion (Sheffer, Knight) to approve the renewal of the following licenses for 2021-2022:***

*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 Hoppy's Bar & Grill, LLC.*

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

**Motion Carried**

***Motion (Sheffer, Farrey) to approve/renew the following operators for 2021-2022 operators' licenses: Operator License renewals - Shane Lawrence, Rory Lawrence, Dennis Stillmunkes, Margaret Dougherty, Sophia Dougherty, Liberty Foht, Alex Wright, Destiny Popp, Sarah Fluhr, Claire Tiedeman, Brenda Richards, John J. Scanlan, David Kane, Eldon Kruser, William Sides, Sarah McCarthy, Nicholas Neis, Kelsie Goffinet, Bradley Goffinet, Randy Wiegman, Alivia Stodola, and Kristine Tuecke. Wartner, McCrea, Farrey, Sheffer & Knight all Yes Votes, Neis - abstained***  
**Motion Carried**

***Motion (Neis, Wartner) to approve the renewal of the following licenses for 2021-2022: Cigarette License for the Dougherty Depots, LLC dba Zephyr Depot.***  
**Roll-all ayes. Carried.**

Pursuant with Chapter 19.85 Sub (1) par (c) of WIS. STATS, ***motion (Sheffer, Neis) to adjourn to closed session to discuss employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, including discussion regarding village deputy clerk/treasurer position.***  
**Roll-all ayes. Carried. Adjourned to closed session at 7:23 p.m.**

***Motion (Wartner, Knight) to reconvene to open session*** **Roll-all ayes. Carried**  
***Reconvened to open Session at 7:33 p.m.***

***Motion (Wartner, Sheffer) to approve Tatiana Blindert for the position of deputy clerk/treasurer.*** **Roll-all ayes. Carried**

Discussion was held on the waste/recycling bids that were received. The bid for Republic Service was accepted to start on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Waste/Recycling will switch to Mondays after that and the rate will be \$14.00 per household. Carts will be issued to residents for waste/recycling. More information will be sent out shortly to residents.

***Motion (Wartner, Sheffer) to approve the proposed bid from Republic Services to begin July 15<sup>th</sup> at a rate of \$14.00 per household.*** **Roll-all ayes. Carried**

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, Sheffer) to adjourn.*** **Voice-all ayes. Carried**  
meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.