

Village of Benton

July 21, 2021

Board meeting Minutes

Members present: Gary McCrea, Jill Knight, Chuck Wartner, Terry Sheffer, and Cal Robbins

Absent members: Katey Neis and Kenneth Farrey

Village employees present: Sonya Silvers, Tasha Blindert, and Jim Goffinet

Others Present: Abby Haas

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 21, 2021.

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 (Sheffer, Wartner) to approve the minutes from the regular village board meeting held on June 16, 2021 as presented. Voice-all ayes. Carried

Jim Goffinet reported that they have begun the patching of the streets this week and seal coating will start next week. The water main was completed to the bottom of the hill. Once streets are completed they will resume the water up the hill. A quote for drivers for the street lights will be coming. Jill asked if the stage at the park would still be getting a new deck before Music in the Park starts in August. Eric is looking into this and it will be completed. The merry go round needs to be fixed in Swift Park.

Abby Haas, Economic Development Director for Lafayette County, presented information on the American Rescue Plan funds that were disbursed to municipalities in July. Federal reporting will be required for this funding.

No Committee updates were given.

Operator license requests were presented for Sally Wiegel, Anthony Dudek, and Stacy Schuchart for Hoppy's Bar & Grill, LLC.

Motion (Knight, Sheffer) to approve an Operator's License for Sally Wiegel, Anthony Dudek, and Stacy Schuchart, Hoppy's Bar & Grill, LLC. Roll-all ayes. Carried

Discussion was held regarding purchasing additional land for economic development purposes. Gary will speak to the realtor for more details and purchasing options.

The claims against the Village were presented for payment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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