

Village of Benton
October 20, 2021
Board Meeting Minutes

Members present: Gary McCrea, Jill Knight, Terry Sheffer, Katey Neis, Cal Robbins, and Kenneth Farrey

Absent members: Chuck Wartner

Village employees present: Sonya Silvers and Jim Goffinet

Others Present: Ryan Kern, Cathy Halweg, Tammy Lange, Bill Mowry, and Mark Neis

The regular board 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, October 20, 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 (Robbins, Sheffer) to approve the minutes from the regular village board meeting held on September 15, 2021 and special board meeting minutes held on October 13, 2021. Voice-all ayes. Carried

Cathy Halweg, Bill Mowry, Mark Neis, and Tammy Lange addressed the board with questions and concerns regarding the new subdivision. The subdivision is in the very early stages of development at this time. More information regarding sale of lots and pricing will be available to the public at a later time.

Ryan Kern is requesting board permission to install a septic system on recently purchased property in the village at 590 E Main Street. There is currently no village sewer option available to the property. Board approval will be considered at the November meeting.

Jim raised concern that brush pick up is for seasonal tree trimming and not cutting whole trees down.

Sonya presented a letter from Becky Trewartha from Hazel Green EMS service about the future of the EMS service to the board. The new meter at the Benton Red Church will be installed and they will need to have a meter charge setup per PSC guidelines. Donations can cover the meter charges.

Jill updated the board on the trail project. After reaching out to several different property owners with several different options to get the trail from point A to B, there is no interest at this time. The trail project will be tabled until better land options are available.

Terry and Gary will have a Lafayette Development Corp. meeting on Wednesday the 27th.

Gary would like to get pricing for the lots in the new subdivision. Discussion was held. He recommended making a few signs to post for the trick or treating hours to be posted.

Consideration and possible approval of operator's license for Lear Eggers.

Motion (Sheffer, Knight) to approve the operator's license for Lear Eggers. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Consideration of possible approval to transfer the Class "A" and "Class A" liquor license from Dougherty Depots, LLC to Jeff's Mart, LLC (Zephyr Depot)

Motion (Sheffer, Knight) to approve the transfer of the Class "A" and "Class A" liquor license from Dougherty Depots, LLC to Jeff's Mart, LLC. Roll-all ayes. Carried.

Village of Benton

October 20, 2021

Board meeting Minutes

Consideration and possible approval to transfer the cigarette and tobacco license from Dougherty Depots to Jeff's Mart, LLC (Zephyr Depot)

Motion (Sheffer, Knight) to approve the transfer the cigarette and tobacco license from Dougherty Depots to Jeff's Mart, LLC. 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

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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