

**JOINT MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF VILLAGE OF BENTON
MAY 18, 2016**

School Board President Ryan Carver called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM in the Village of Benton Incubator Conference Room. Roll Call: Lou Langkamp-present, Brandee Blaine-present, Mick Vaughn-present, Ryan Carver-present. Absent: Angie Davis, Fred Norder, and Larry Redfearn. Village Board members present – Gary McCrea, Terry Schaefer, Cal Robbins, Chuck Wartner, Rose Walton and Jim Sysko. Others Present–Bev Hitz, Lisa Lawrence, Dan Kilcoyne, Dena Harris, Cheryl Johnson.

Discussion on lighting replacement at Swift Park. Village President Gary McCrea stated the village had just held discussion that they would like to get the lighting replaced sooner than later.

Ryan Carver has contacted Attorney Eileen Brownlee and she gave a list of suggestions on how to proceed:

Determine the need – Both parties agree that the lighting has to be replaced.

Percentage each party is responsible for – Gary McCrea stated the Village Board would like a 50/50 split. The lights on the tennis/basketball court need to be replaced as well; it will take two 50' poles. The Village is willing to pay for the \$7500 in wiring and the transformer, plus the labor to wire the poles. Ryan Carver stated the students do not use the basketball or tennis courts at night. Gary McCrea felt the courts are lit up during ball games therefore the school should contribute. Project cost estimated at \$220,000 divided between Village and school, plus another \$10,000 Village would contribute.

Funding – Gary McCrea stated the Village is willing to pay up front if school doesn't want to use the fund balance. The loan could be low or no interest and spread over three or four years. Ryan Carver stated the board was not prepared to discuss the tennis/basketball court lighting, he thought just the football field was being discussed. Gary McCrea said the Village is resurfacing the tennis courts at the ballfield and Village Park at a cost of \$50,000 this summer. The general consensus was the School Board must talk it over with the whole board and with Mr. Luedtke to make sure there is funding.

Fred Norder entered the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Selection of Vendor – General consensus was that the Village would be heading the project therefore they could select the vendor. The Village is impressed with the work of Musco.

The Village will take care of wiring, transformer, labor, connections, and Kevin Slater cost. The Village will head up the project with a 50/50 split with the School District for the cost of the vendor. Payment – the school will make payment to the Village if extra funds left on June 30. Village will write all checks to vendors. A payment agreement must be intact, need written documents with interest charges. Annual payment is satisfactory. No early payback penalties will be charged. If a community member or someone else makes a donation the donation will be split 50/50. Scales Mound community and school will be contacted to make them aware of the project.

Lisa Lawrence will check in to and write a grant for fund from the Community Fund Grant. Ryan Carver will check in to a Focus on Energy Grant.

Village Clerk Bev Hitz will obtain the loan note between the Village of Benton and Benton School District when the amounts are finalized.

The tennis/basketball court lighting will be on the next School Board agenda.

Motion by Mick Vaughn, seconded by Brandee Blaine to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Brandee Blaine, Clerk Pro Tem