

January 15th, 2024

Village of Benson Board of Trustees Meeting.

Called to order by Mayor Chris Mullins

Roll Call- Neil Heineke and Morgan Koehler absent

Roger Nenne made motion to approve minutes, seconded by Nate Waldschmidt.

Nate Waldschmidt made motion to approve bills, seconded by Roger Nenne.

Josh Brown made motion to approve treasurer report, seconded by Nate Waldschmidt.

Attorney Pat Mcgrath from MCGRATH LAW OFFICE was present for the meeting. The Board discussed with him to become a representative for the Village. Pat provided some current practices of the firm. They represent 12 cities and villages. They serve approximately 50 other government bodies. Discussed the billing structure based on time and material without a general retainer or minimum fee. Municipal rate is \$225.00 per hour. They bill in one-tenth(0.1) hour increments with a minimum time increment of 1 hour for meetings and 0.3 of an hour for phone calls. The paralegal rate is \$165.00 per hour. Will also attend some meetings if necessary. He is awaiting an answer from the Board to represent us.

The broken seal/gasket on top of the water tower is repaired.

Board Christmas Party will be on January 27,2024 at Uptown Grill. Cocktails at 6pm and supper at 7pm.

Nate Waldschmidt made motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Jeremiah Sanuelson.