Town of Bentonia Board Meeting April 4, 2023

The regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Alderman Town of Bentonia was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Clint Lancaster. The following members were present Kim Martin, Robert Demus, Steve Pigg and Greg Shaffer. Absent: Colby Parks. Motion to accept the minutes and bill from March 2023 was made by Kim Martin, seconded by Steve Pigg, motion pass with all in favor.

Ms. Loretta Thornton addressed the mayor and board of alderman requesting permission to hold a clean up day and get the children of Bentonia involved. Permission was granted and a motion made by Greg Shaffer and seconded by Kim Martin, motion passed with all in favor.

The mayor discussed a new water ordinance that will be drafted for approval by the next board meeting.

The mayor will be working on getting quotes for a sign for town hall.

The mayor discussed clean up and requested that each alderman ride by and view the properties in discussion and reply by the afternoon of April 20, 2023 with a response as to whether the lots are in compliance or not.

The mayor requested permission to purchase a receipt printer for the water/sewer services. Motion made by Greg Shaffer, seconded by Kim Martin, motion passed with all in favor.

New commercial/business water rates will increase across the board to \$33.75 plus tax flat rate each month with the exception of Landview Manor. Motion was made by Robert Demus and seconded by Greg Shaffer; motion passed with all in favor.

The mayor stated that the dumpster behind town hall would remain for another week to help the residents with clean up.

Kim Martin requested that the town purchase squish melons for the children of Rolling Fork for easter. Motion was made by Robert Demus and seconded by Greg Shaffer, to reimburse Kim Martin for \$500 for squish melons, motion passed with all in favor.

The mayor asked for any other business to come before the board, motion to adjourn was made by Kim Martin, seconded by Robert Demus, motion passed with all in favor.

Kim Tyer, Clerk	Clint Lancaster, Mayor