

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MAY TELECONFERENCE MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF BENZONIA

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Monday, May 4, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

POSTED: May 1, 2020

PRESENT:

PRESIDENT:	Flynn
COUNCIL:	Heyn (phone), Misner (phone), Bair (phone), French, Cook
CLERK:	Nye
TREASURER:	Flynn
SUPERINTENDENT:	Boman
ASST SUPERINTENDENT:	Cline
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:	Kirk (phone)
PUBLIC:	Ken Mlcek (phone), Michelle Leines (phone), Shane Iverson
ABSENT:	Rankin - Excused

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Meeting of the Benzonia Village Council was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by President Flynn.

ATTENDENCE TAKEN BY CLERK

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: French moves, supported by Cook, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Rankin – Excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1) Spring Clean Up – Discussion regarding scheduling Spring Clean Up. **French moves, supported by Misner, to hold Spring Clean Up on Saturday, May 30th, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Ayes – Heyn, Misner, French, Cook, Bair, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Rankin – Excused.**
- 2) Bills List: **Heyn moves, supported by Misner, to approve the Bills List for the month of May 2020 in the amount of \$133,268.45. Ayes – Misner, Cook, French, Heyn, Bair, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Rankin – Excused.**
- 3) Treasurer’s Report: **French moves, supported by Heyn, to approve the Treasurer’s report submitted through 05/04/2020. Ayes- Bair, French,**

Misner, Cook, Heyn, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Rankin – Excused.

4) Minutes:

April Regular Teleconference Meeting Minutes. **Heyn moves, supported by Misner, to approve the April Regular Teleconference Meeting Minutes 04/06/2020, as presented. Ayes – Cook, Bair, Heyn, Misner, French, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Rankin – Excused.**

MDOT Pre Construction Meeting Notes. **French moves, supported by Cook to approve the MDOT Pre Construction Meeting Notes, as presented. Ayes – French, Misner, Cook, Bair, Heyn, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Rankin – Excused.**

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Opened parks
Sand out of big truck and cleaned up from winter
Turned on some residents' water
Read water meters
Did a lot of Miss Digs
Did extra water samples on well #1 and well #3

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Swept streets
Picked up leaves and brush
Helped Phil

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Written report submitted and will be made part of the Regular May 2020 Minutes. Bassett blight violation discussed. Decided that Mr. and Mrs. Bassett will be given an extension to May 30th to remedy the blight issue on their property, if issue is not addressed in a satisfactory manner a blight ticket will be issued June 1st in accordance with the Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance.

ZA suggests a Spring Mailing to address several Village matters including blight and frequently asked zoning questions. **French moves, supported by Heyn, to approve a Spring Mailing updating residents on blight and zoning matters at a cost not to exceed \$200.00. Ayes – Heyn, French, Cook, Bair, Misner, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Rankin – Excused.**

Planning Commission has submitted three ordinances for consideration and requests approval for attorney review. ZA submitted detailed summary of each ordinance. Three new or revised ordinances:

- 1) Repeal and replace the current Environmental Provisions section 16 in the Zoning Ordinance and replace with Environmental Provisions and Tree Protection Ordinance.
- 2) Create a Steep Slope Overlay Ordinance.

3) Create an Overlay Zoning Ordinance for the US 31 Corridor.

ZA answered questions regarding the proposed Tree Fund and whether creating fines for removing trees on private property was an overreach. Kirk explained this is the beginning of the process and she expects public input and at least two revisions before adoption would be requested. **Cook moves, supported by French, that the three proposed ordinances be sent to the Figura Law Office for review. Ayes – Heyn, Misner, French, Cook, Bair, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Rankin – Excused.**

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

A three-year jail renewal will be on the August ballot
Erosion and water levels continue to be monitored
Maples bond will be refinanced at a savings of more than 500k
Sheriff Department has requested hazard pay for first responders
County responding to the Covid-19 situation as it evolves

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Ken Mlcek, Fleis & VandenBrink, shares that notification was received from the State of Michigan stating that due to the recently issued Executive Directive 2020-3 by Governor Whitmer, which imposes limits on discretionary spending in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, all deliverables and payments associated with MDNR Passport Grants have been paused. The MDNR Passport Grant was awarded for upgrades at Academy Park in the amount of \$150,000.00; just under \$100,000.00 has been disbursed. President Flynn has reached out to Representative Jack O'Malley requesting the awarded funds be released. The project is 3/4 complete and there are safety issues if left in its current state.

French moves, supported by Cook, to adjourn meeting at 7:08 p.m. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Rankin – Excused.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda Nye,
Village Clerk

DRAFTED: May 11, 2020 APPROVED: June 1, 2020