

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF BENZONIA
1276 MICHIGAN AVENUE
BENZONIA, MI 49616
MONDAY, April 1, 2019

PRESENT:

PRESIDENT: Flynn
COUNCIL: Heyn, Misner, French, Bair, Scholten, Rankin
CLERK: Nye
TREASURER: Flynn
SUPERINTENDENT: Boman
ASST SUPERINTENDENT: Marshall
ZONING ADMIN: Kirk
VISITORS: Amanda McClaren, Steve Stephans, Sara Kirk, Ken
Mlcek, Ron Harrison, Val Rissi
ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Benzonia Village Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Flynn.

ATTENDENCE TAKEN BY CLERK

VISITORS:

Steve Stephans – Master Gardener

- Submits estimate for plants and materials for a total of \$120.00
- Asks approval to do intense gardening at the post office – sprinkler heads have been grown over and pompas grasses need to be removed
- MSU Extension has designated Mills Community House and Benzonia Gardens ‘Master Gardener Sites’ at Mr. Stephans request
- **French moves, supported by Misner, to approve Steve Stephans beautification efforts and expenses not to exceed \$200.00. Ayes – Heyn, French, Bair, Rankin, Misner, Scholten, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**

Amanda McClaren – Benzonia Public Library, distributes FY 2018 Annual Report and a handout with March/April library events and explanations; Council offers thanks and praise for excellent work at the library.

Sara Kirk, submits resume and expresses interest in serving on the Planning Commission; also willing to accept position as Zoning Administrator. Met with President Flynn prior to meeting to discuss vacated positions. Discussion.
Misner moves, supported by Rankin, to appoint Sara Kirk to position(s) vacated by Coury Carland as Village of Benzonia Zoning Administrator and Planning Commission Member for a term ending November 2022;

contingent on acceptance of wage and salary terms to be determined. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY TO USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT, RURAL UTILITY SERVICE (RUS) Published. Affidavit of Publication on file. No written or public comment received. Ken Mlcek reports total project amount of \$2,046,000; preliminary assessment indicates \$600,000 loan amount and remainder grant. French moves, supported by Scholten, to move forward with USDA Water Project. Aye – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

Ron Harrison and Val Rissi – representing Revolution Strains Marijuana Provisioning Center:

- Seeking approval to allow medical marijuana sales within village
- Locally owned store, financially pre-qualified with the State of Michigan
- 1% of net revenue directed to grant to be distributed in the community
- Explanation of CBD oil
- Vape paraphernalia will be sold in store
- Eight employees would be hired

President Flynn explains the phases of licensure. Discussion. Consensus that more time is needed to consider matter. **French moves, supported by Heyn, to TABLE discussion/decision to next meeting. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting Minutes March 2019. **Rankin moves, supported by French, to approve the March 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:

- MSHDA – Neighborhood Enhancement Program Rural/Direct Fund Grant. Clerk intends to apply for grant.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

BILLS LIST:

Misner moves, supported by Scholten, to approve payment of bills for the month of April in the amount of \$42,018.74. Ayes – Heyn, French, Bair, Rankin, Misner, Scholten, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Heyn moves, supported by Misner, to accept the Treasurer's Report through April 1, 2019, as presented. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

- Plowed snow
- Blow sidewalks
- Looked for leak, found, fixed
- Patched holes in streets
- Took plows off trucks
- Fixed street signs
- Normal stuff

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Superintendent covered it

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

- EDC is exploring broadband possibilities
- Public Defender Office will be operating by June
- Jason Reed, Skilled Trade Taskforce, exploring a community build contract with Frankfort for Bellows Park Pavilion
- Dr. Lois Goslinoski, Medical Examiner, gave presentation
- LERP, developed evacuation protocol in the event of an ammonia incident at Graceland Fruit in Frankfort

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- North Street Line – Stipulation Consent Order has been drafted and will be considered at the Village of Beulah's next meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

- Spring Clean Up scheduled for May 11th, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Audit Field Days scheduled for May 23rd & 24th

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Discussed.

STREETS: Discussed.

PARKS: Discussed.

WATER: Discussed.

EQUIPMENT: Tractor will be delivered on Wednesday.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Last scheduled meeting was cancelled.

ZONING: New Zoning Administrator, Sara Kirk, welcomed.

OTHER BUSINESS: Clerk suggests Pledge of Allegiance be added to future agendas.

**Misner moves, supported by Scholten, to adjourn meeting at 7:57. Ayes – All.
Nays – None. Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda Nye
Village Clerk

Minutes Drafted: April 5, 2019

Approved: May 6, 2019