

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF BENZONIA
1276 MICHIGAN AVENUE
BENZONIA, MI 49616
MONDAY, August 5, 2019

PRESENT:

PRESIDENT: Flynn
COUNCIL: Heyn, Misner, Bair, French, Rankin
CLERK: Nye
TREASURER: Flynn
SUPERINTENDENT: Excused
ASST SUPERINTENDENT: Marshall
ZONING ADMIN: Kirk
VISITORS: Michelle Leines
ABSENT: Scholten - Excused

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

VISITORS: No comments.

MINUTES: Regular Meeting Minutes July 2019

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

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:

- Joan M. Cooper, village resident, submitted written views regarding Master Plan.
- Mills Community House approval of parking space proposal. Discussion. Decided determination of property line is required.
- FEMA – CCO Meeting and Open House August 14th 2-4 p.m.
- Consent to Grade document from MDOT for 2020 Project.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

BILLS LIST:

Misner moves, supported by Heyn, to approve payment of bills for the month of August in the amount of \$25,259.20. Ayes – Bair, Rankin, French, Misner, Heyn, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried, Scholten – Excused.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

French moves, supported by Rankin, to accept the Treasurer's Report through August 5, 2019, as presented. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Scholten – Excused.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

- Mowing grass
- Put steps on new truck
- Read water meters
- Got price on bed liner and dump box for 2019 Dodge
 - Bed liner – 573.00
 - Dump box – 3,095.00

French moves, supported by Heyn, to approve purchase of bed liner and dump box for the 2019 Dodge in the amount of 3,668.00. Ayes – Heyn, Misner, French, Rankin, Bair, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Scholten – Excused.

- Fixed washouts on streets
- Got trucks lettered
- Got price to repair streets from Kerby – 14,700.00

Heyn moves, supported by Rankin, to approve the street repairs proposed by Kerby's in the amount of 14,700.00. Ayes – Flynn, Bair, Rankin, French, Misner, Heyn. Nay – None. Motion Carried. Scholten – Excused.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Lead service line information due to State of Michigan by January 1st, 2020, has been submitted.
- Marshall shares that he has submitted his two week notice and his last workday will be the upcoming Friday; has accepted a different job opportunity.
- Marshall offered to assist the Village with required reports until a replacement is hired.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

- Community Dialogue – 'Short Term Rental and Agri-Business Events' August 8th 6:30 – 8:00 at the Government Center.
- Regionalization of 911 Dispatch no longer being discussed.
- County Budgeting continues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- President and Treasurer Flynn attended a finance class and learned that there are many policies that need to be implemented; first on should be a credit card policy.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ad has been submitted to the local paper for Assistant Superintendent replacement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: No Report
STREETS: Discussed
PARKS: Met with Ken Mlcek, Fleis & VandenBrink, to discuss equipment options; recommends older equipment be painted. Discussion regarding fundraising for park fund match; Misner suggests community yard sale and business contributions – need to brainstorm.
WATER: No Report
EQUIPMENT: Chair - Excused

PLANNING COMMISSION & ZONING:

Monthly Zoning Summary presented and further summarized as follows:

- South Street vacant lot, moving forward with special use permit for storage building.
- 1105 Orchard Street – permit for roof addition/interior remodel.
- 7469 Traverse Ave – met to discuss parcel split.
- 6777 Walker Street – neighbor’s chickens/turkeys/4 goats becoming nuisance; also concerned about neighbor’s blight issue.
- Former Crystal Café – request for sign permit application for compliance.
- Steve Ayers – questions regarding new sign.
- Rick Taylor – needs rezone to build more storage units on South Street.
- Cindy Topping – inquiry regarding mobile home on vacant property.

Extensive conversation regarding blight and zoning violations that need to be addressed.

Updated zoning forms will be posted on village website.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

Misner moves, supported by Bair, to adjourn meeting at 7:27. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Scholten Excused.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda Nye
Village Clerk

Minutes Drafted: August 12, 2019 Approved: September 9, 2019