

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF BENZONIA
1276 MICHIGAN AVENUE
BENZONIA, MI 49616
MONDAY, December 2, 2019

PRESENT:

PRESIDENT: Flynn
COUNCIL: Heyn, Misner, Rankin, French, Bair, Cook
CLERK: Nye
TREASURER: Flynn
SUPERINTENDENT: Boman
ASST SUPERINTENDENT: Cline
ZONING ADMIN: Kirk
VISITORS: Michelle Leines, Ken Mlcek
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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting Minutes November 2019

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

USDA Water Project Meeting with Tom Traciak 11.21.2019

French moves, supported by Heyn, to approve the 11/21/2019 USDA Water Project Meeting with Tom Traciak Notes, as amended. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

FLEIS & VANDENBRINK: Ken Mlcek reviewed financial analysis of the water fund provided by Tom Traciak, Baker & Tilly. The analysis included:

- Comparative Statement of Net Position
- Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
- Comparative Detail of Operating Expenses with Test Year
- Schedules of Amortization of All Outstanding Debt & Combined Debt Service
- Proof of Rates to Revenue
- Cash Flow Analysis

Based on fiscal data, a rate adjustment of quarterly RTS \$57.75 and \$4.40/1,000 gallon of water usage with 2% increases annually thereafter is recommended by Baker & Tilly to support USDA Water Improvement Project.

French moves, supported by Heyn, to approve the recommendation of Baker & Tilly by increasing the RTS fee from \$52.00 to \$57.75 and cost/1,000 gallon of water usage from \$4.00 to \$4.40, with a proportional increase to larger line RTS fees effective 1st quarter of 2020. Ayes – Heyn, Misner, French, Rankin, Bair, Cook, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:

- Dave McCaw MDOT Project Update
- Approval received from EGLE for test well

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

BILLS LIST:

Misner moves, supported by French, to approve payment of bills for the month of December in the amount of \$57,296.37. Ayes – Cook, Bair, Rankin, French, Misner, Heyn, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

French moves, supported by Rankin, to accept the Treasurer's Report through December 2, 2019, as presented. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

- Worked on Christmas Decorations
- Plowed a little snow
- Got snow blower on John Deere
- Had big truck underbody at Road Commission
- Normal stuff
- Shut some water off for winter

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Small dent in Dodge truck due to unfortunate incident with stop sign – bigger mirrors needed
- Studying for water distribution test
- Snow removal
- Practicing on big truck
- Put up Christmas tree

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Memorandum – Monthly Zoning Summary submitted – to be included with meeting minutes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

- Heard from SRO's from each school; Handle With Care model being used
- Raise the Age Legislation passes and will be State funded for first three years
- Space Need Presentation
- Continued fiscal discussions

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Treasurer shares that a past due water balance is owed at 1141 Michigan Ave. Property was recently sold at auction by the County. County Treasurer was not permitted to include outstanding water bill in asking price. New owner is not willing to pay bill. Water has not been turned on at property and amount owed is the accrual of unpaid RTS fees. Forgiveness Ordinance is not applicable as matter does not involve unreasonable water usage due to irregular circumstances. **Misner moves, support by French , to deem outstanding bill uncollectable and zero balance to date of purchase. Ayes – French, Misner, Heyn, Rankin, Cook, Bair, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS: Fundraising for Academy Park Project discussed.

Misner moves, supported by Heyn, to adjourn meeting at 7:23. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda Nye
Village Clerk

Minutes Drafted: December 6, 2019

Approved: January 6, 2020