

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF BENZONIA  
1276 MICHIGAN AVENUE  
BENZONIA, MI 49616  
MONDAY, July 8, 2019

PRESENT:

PRESIDENT: Flynn  
COUNCIL: Heyn, Bair, French, Rankin  
CLERK: Nye  
TREASURER: Flynn  
SUPERINTENDENT: Excused  
ASST SUPERINTENDENT: Marshall  
ZONING ADMIN: Kirk  
VISITORS: Steve Stephens  
ABSENT: Misner – Absent, Bair – Excused, 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.

ATTENDANCE TAKEN BY CLERK

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

VISITORS: Steve Stephens, on behalf of Mills Community House. After review of the Academy Park Plans, expresses concern that addition of 2 handicap parking spots would result in the loss of 4-6 regular spaces; a concern for large events when Mills Community House currently has 4 handicap spaces on the north side of the parking lot. Clerk suggests village restripe existing 4 site to 2 sites and add 2 planned spots on the south side. Mr. Stephens will take suggestion back to Mills Community House Board.

Mr. Stephens inquires if prior to backfilling excavation portion of project, a PVC pipe be laid for future irrigation along the fence line. Consensus – excellent idea. Engineers will be informed.

MINUTES: Regular Amended Meeting Minutes May 2019  
Regular Meeting Minutes June 2019  
Special Meeting Minutes 06.27.2019  
USDA Meeting Notes 07.02.2019

**French moves, supported by Rankin, to approve all meeting minutes and notes as presented. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Misner – Absent, Bair – Excused, Scholten – Excused.**

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:

- Protec – The Michigan Coalition to Protect Public Right-of-Ways sent information regarding their organization
- Fiscally Ready Communities – MSU Extension, July 18, 2019
- Platte River Park Phase II July 11, 4-7 p.m.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

BILLS LIST:

**Rankin moves, supported by French, to approve payment of bills for the month of July in the amount of \$13,016.39. Ayes – Rankin, French, Heyn, Fynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Misner – Absent, Bair – Excused, Scholten – Excused.**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

**French moves, supported by Heyn, to accept the Treasurer's Report through July 8, 2019, as presented. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Misner – Absent, Bair – Excused, Scholten – Excused.**

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Excused

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Mowed grass
- Lines painted at Post Office
- Edges of street mowed
- Holes in road patched
- Fixed washouts
- Helped remove plants in flower bed at Post Office
- Read water meters this week
- Received several bids to equip new truck with plow, sander and bed liner.  
**French moves, supported by Heyn, to approve purchase for additional equipment for new truck not to exceed \$15,000.00. Ayes – Heyn, Rankin, Flynn, French. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Misner – Absent, Bair – Excused, Scholten – Excused.**

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

- June EDC Meeting cancelled
- Three County Budget Sessions scheduled for next week
- Local Emergency Response Committee reviewed an on-site response plan for a chemical incident at the Platte River Fish Hatchery
- Joint Court Committee addressed the shortage of attorneys due, in part, to the newly created Public Defender Office
- County continues to look for solutions to the MERS issue

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- RRC Program – Meeting with MEDC scheduled September 11, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Water Rates – Adjustments are made in July; option exists to raise rates, required by threshold of USDA loan, to be effective 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter billing 2019. Treasurer recommends the following adjustment: Ready to Serve increase \$50.00 to \$52.50  
Per Thousand Gallon increase \$3.50 to \$4.00  
**French moves, support by Rankin, to increase the Ready to Serve fee to \$52.50 and the Per Thousand Gallon fee to \$4.00 effective 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter billing 2019. Ayes – Flynn, French, Heyn, Rankin. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Misner – Absent, Bair – Excused, Scholten – Excused.**
- Audit Field Days July 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>
- MDOT Meeting July 25<sup>th</sup>, 4p.m. – 7p.m. at the Township Hall

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Discussed

STREETS: No Report

PARKS: Chair Absent. Ken Mlcek forwarded advertisement for bids at Academy Park – MDNR Passport Grant; Clerk will forward for publication.

WATER: Treasurer reports an error in sending water bill to Village of Beulah. Once realized two requests for payment have been sent with no response. Council directs Treasurer to send payment request to the Village of Beulah Council.

EQUIPMENT: Chair Excused. Trustee Scholten emailed an offer to purchase the 2009 Ford truck from Nye Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$7,000.00; notes that posting the truck on RangerBid is optional and would like to see the bid accepted. **Rankin moves, supported by French, to accept the offer to purchase the 2009 Ford truck from Nye Plumbing & Heating for \$7,000.00. Ayes – French, Heyn, Flynn, Rankin. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Misner – Absent, Bair – Excused, Scholten – Excused.**

PLANNING COMMISSION & ZONING:

Monthly Zoning Summary presented and further summarized as follows:

- South Street vacant lot, seeking special use permit for storage building
- 1105 Orchard Street – permit for roof addition/interior remodel
- 7469 Traverse Ave – inquiry regarding double wide mobile home on property
- 6777 Walker Street – neighbors chickens/turkeys/4 goats becoming nuisance
- Former Crystal Café – no permit on file for sign in front of Shop N Save

ZA submitted updated/created forms for future use. Council will review forms and if no changes received, forms to be posted on village website.

Master Plan Public Meeting scheduled: Visioning Workshop and Design Charrette Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, third floor Mills Community House beginning at 5:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

**French moves, supported by Heyn, to adjourn meeting at 7:54. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Misner – Absent, Bair – Excused, Scholten Excused.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda Nye  
Village Clerk

Minutes Drafted: July 16, 2019

Approved: August 5, 2019