

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF BENZONIA
1276 MICHIGAN AVENUE
BENZONIA, MI 49616
MONDAY, June 3, 2019

PRESENT:

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

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

SET TAX RATE: 2019 Taxable Value of ALL Properties in the Village of Benzonia as of 05-28-2019 = 18,360,443.00. Treasurer Flynn recommendation is to leave the tax rate unchanged at 12.3000. **Heyn moves, supported by Misner, to set the millage requested to be levied July 1, 2019, at 12.3000. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Scholten – Absent.**

VISITORS: No input.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, SARA KIRK: Master Plan/Parks & Recreation Plan. ZA Kirk distributes 'PROPOSED MASTER PLAN METHODOLOGY – JULY 3, 2019' which outlines tasks and a timeline (incorporating RRC Best Practices) to complete Village of Benzonia Master Plan including a Parks and Recreation Plan by December 31, 2019. Decided Kirk's position on Planning Commission and as Zoning Administrator will be separate from contractual agreement regarding the Master Plan; Planning Commission will be utilized to accomplish tasks required to create the Master Plan. **French moves, supported by Rankin, to accept the proposal to create the Village of Benzonia Master Plan presented by Sara Kirk, SRP Design Studio, for the agreed amount of \$12,000.00 to be billed monthly, with a completion date of December 31, 2019. Ayes – Heyn, Bair, Rankin, Misner, French, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Scholten - Absent.**

The first required public meeting regarding the Master Plan will be by July 24th at the Mills Community House; meeting time will be decided at next regular meeting.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting Minutes May 2019. Minutes are inaccurate as they indicate French present at the meeting when he, in fact, was excused. Clerk to review. **TABLED TO JULY MEETING.**

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:

- Planning for Marijuana in Michigan – training opportunity
- CLCBA request for support of Music in the Park
Rankin moves, supported by Heyn, to support the CLCBA Music in the Park with Community Promotion Funds (\$50.00) out of the General Fund. Ayes – Heyn, Misner, French, Rankin, Bair, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Scholten – Absent.
- Landmark Dividend – interest in purchasing water tower leases
- Michigan Cannabis Consulting – clients have interest in our municipality
- FEMA – preliminary copies of the Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Insurance Study for review and comment

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

BILLS LIST:

French moves, supported by Heyn, to approve payment of bills for the month of June in the amount of \$42,482.19. Ayes – Heyn, Bair, Rankin, Misner, French, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Scholten - Absent.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

French moves, supported by Rankin, to accept the Treasurer's Report through June 3, 2019, as presented. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Scholten - Absent. Treasurer Flynn reports that instead of cashing in the Streets CD's, they were rolled in a 10 month CD special with a 2.35% interest return.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

- Mowing grass
- Sold stuff on RangerBid
- Stop signs on Lake Street
- Turn on summer residences
- Junk out of Post Office flower beds
- Spring Clean Up – 5 dumpsters, 2 loads of metal
- Flushed water lines
- Replaced some meters
- Beulah one North Street line valve

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- Flushing went well

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

- County has approved hiring Fleis & VandenBrink engineering services for the project at Point Betsie
- Elmer’s hired to put an overlay on most of the parking area at the County Building
- Municipal Analytics gave presentation and options regarding fiscal health of County
- Community Dialogue on Blight Remediation June 13 at 6:00 in the Board of Commissioner Room
- Benzie County EDC/BRA Commission Meeting June 5th and June 10th 5:30 to interview private sector companies/consultants regarding a future partnership with the EDC to expand broadband for underserved and unserved areas in Benzie County

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President Flynn shares that the interest Eclipse has shown in placing broadband equipment on the railing of the water tower will require engineer review. Dixon Engineering has been contacted; quoted review of specs \$2800.00, complete review \$6,000.00. Consensus that engineering review cannot be waived to permit access on the tower.

NEW BUSINESS:

Audit Field Days now unscheduled, auditor will be in touch

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Discussed

STREETS: No Report

PARKS: No Report

WATER: No new business.

EQUIPMENT: After last meeting, realization that selected truck from Watson was a 2018, not a 2019. President Flynn accepted quote of additional \$200.00 for 2019 Dodge, within his financial spending authority. Trustee Scholten absent, no information received on delivery of the 2019 truck being purchased. Red 2019 Ford Truck with v-pow on the lot at Fox Motor in Traverse City. Will request update from Watson.

PLANNING COMMISSION & ZONING: Discussed

OTHER BUSINESS: None

Misner moves, supported by French, to adjourn meeting at 7:33. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Scholten - Absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda Nye
Village Clerk

Minutes Drafted: June 10, 2019 Approved: July 8, 2019