

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF BENZONIA
1276 MICHIGAN AVENUE
BENZONIA, MI 49616
MONDAY, March 4, 2019

PRESENT:

PRESIDENT: Flynn
COUNCIL: Heyn, Misner, French, Scholten, Rankin
CLERK: Nye
TREASURER: Flynn
SUPERINTENDENT: Boman
ASST SUPERINTENDENT: Marshall
ZONING ADMIN: Carland
VISITORS: Mary Haan, Ron Harrison, Thomas Aemmer
ABSENT: Trustee Bair

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:

- Ron Harrison – Revolution Strains Marijuana Provisioning Center
- Would like an ordinance change to allow medical marijuana sales within village; current visit purely informational
 - Financially pre-qualified with the State of Michigan
 - Store plan best described as a ‘showcase boutique’
 - Eight employees would be hired
 - Discussion regarding suppliers, currency allowed, and security

Mary Haan – states that marijuana is illegal and a gateway drug; urges Council to deny marijuana sales within the village. Distributes ten handouts, some with statistics

- Business Experiences: Accidents, injuries, absenteeism, and disciplinary problems are far more common among pot users
- Denver Crime – Since Legalization in 2014
- Michigan State Police – Drivers Tested Positive for Cannabinoid Drugs
- Marijuana Youth Use Rates Ages 12-17; past month use

Thomas Aemmer – Student from Traverse City Central attending for Civics Class and to observe/learn as he will be moving toward a career in politics.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting Minutes February 2019. **Heyn moves, supported by Misner, to approve the February 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Bair – Excused.**

02/06/2019 MDOT Meeting Notes. **French moves, supported by Rankin, to approve the 02/06/2019 MDOT Meeting Notes as presented. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Bair – Excused.**

North Street Line Mediation with Scott Conradson Notes 02/19/2019. **Rankin moves, supported by Scholten, to approve the North Street Line Mediation with Scott Conradson Notes 02/19/2019. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Bair – Excused.**

Budget Meeting/Workshop Minutes 02/28/2019. **Heyn moves, supported by French, to approve the Budget Meeting/Workshop Minutes 02/28/2019. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Bair – Excused.**

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:

- Act 51 Mileage Certification received.
- \$1.00 annual rent received from Benzie County RACES/ARES for use of park at the Congregational Church.
- Ken Mlcek – USDA Water Project, Operating Budget and Anticipated Annual Payment provided.
- Department of Treasury – Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act Info Request.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

FINALIZED 2019/20 BUDGET DISTRIBUTED

BILLS LIST:

Misner moves, supported by French, to approve payment of bills for the month of March in the amount of \$53,812.01. Ayes – Heyn, French, Rankin, Misner, Scholten, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Bair – Excused.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Rankin moves, supported by Heyn, to accept the Treasurer's Report through March 4, 2019, as presented. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Bair – Excused.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

- Plowed snow
- Blow sidewalks
- Had some work on big truck
- Got new lights for big truck
- Put new spinner disc on sander
- Put new work lights on big truck

- Looked for extra water going somewhere
- Well #3 had phase protector put in
- Normal stuff

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- Blew out all the hydrants
- Normal operations

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Blight Violation Process – discussed with village attorney, process clarified. C. Herrera citation: **TABLED TO APRIL MEETING.**
- Status of North Street Line dispute discussed. No documents provided for review; Clerk directed to contact attorneys and check on status of contract. **TABLED TO APRIL MEETING.**

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Discussed.
 STREETS: Discussed.
 PARKS: Researching for DNR Passport Grant.
 WATER: Discussed.
 EQUIPMENT: Bids for plow prepped truck:

Manistee Ford:	\$26,319.00
Case & Watson:	\$26,887.00

Discussion. Trustee Scholten states the Manistee Ford truck has several upgraded features. **Misner moves, supported by Rankin to purchase Ford truck from Manistee Ford in the amount of \$26,319.00 to be paid out of the Local Streets Fund. Ayes – Heyn, Misner, French, Rankin, Scholten, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Bair – Excused.**

PLANNING COMMISSION: Bair – Excused.

ZONING: ZA Carland reports there have been new developments in his professional life; resigning as Village of Benzonia Zoning Administrator. Carland recommends Jason Barnard as an interim replacement. President Flynn will contact Jason Barnard. Carland notes he was unable to locate a zoning map for the village.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

Scholten moves, supported by French, to adjourn meeting at 7:28 p.m. Ayes –All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Bair – Excused.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda Nye
 Village Clerk

Minutes Drafted: March 8, 2019 Approved: April 1, 2019