

AMENDED
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF BENZONIA
1276 MICHIGAN AVENUE
BENZONIA, MI 49616
MONDAY, May 6, 2019

PRESENT:

PRESIDENT: Flynn
COUNCIL: Heyn, Bair, Scholten, Rankin
CLERK: Nye
TREASURER: Flynn
SUPERINTENDENT: Boman
ASST SUPERINTENDENT: Marshall
ZONING ADMIN: Excused
VISITORS: Matt Biolette, David Poinet
ABSENT: Trustee Misner, Trustee French, Zoning
Administrator Kirk

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

REPUBLIC SERVICES: Matt Biolette requests a three-year extension of current contract with a minimal 4% annual increase each year from June 2019 through June 2022. Discussion. **Rankin moves, supported by Heyn, to accept the contract extension with Republic Waste from June 2019 – June 2022 as presented. Ayes – Heyn, Rankin, Bair, Scholten, Flynn. Nays - None. Motion Carried. Misner and French Excused.**

VISITORS: David Poinot, Village resident, questions ready to serve fee on water bill as he has a private well and is charged for the water system on his tax bill. President Flynn explains that the 98 Bond collected on the tax bill are monies to pay improvements made to the water system in 1998, while the ready to serve fee is charged, by ordinance, to residents not connected to the municipal system for fire suppression purposes.

MINUTES:

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

Special Meeting 04.16.2019 Minutes. **Heyn moves, supported by Rankin, to accept the Special Meeting 04.16.2019 Minutes as presented. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Misner and French Excused.**

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:

- Notice of Judgement of Foreclosure: 1141 Michigan Ave
- Letter received questioning what rules/ordinances exist regarding livestock, i.e. goats, within village

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

BILLS LIST:

Heyn moves, supported by Scholten, to approve payment of bills for the month of May in the amount of \$19,789.62. Ayes – Heyn, Bair, Rankin, Scholten, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Misner and French Excused.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Heyn moves, supported by Bair, to accept the Treasurer's Report through May 6, 2019, as presented. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Misner and French Excused.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

- Sweep streets
- Opened parks
- Got new CAT tractor
- Read water meters
- Put stuff on RangerBid
- Normal stuff

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Suggests flushing water lines prior to Beulah making valve connection
- Presents service contract for MiCAT tractor
 - 3 years/6,000 hours
 - Tractor will be monitored by diagnostics that read into their office
 - Qualified MiCAT techs do maintenance
 - Warranty will not be voided

Scholten moves, supported by Rankin, to accept the 3 year/6,000 hour MiCAT service contract as presented. Ayes – Heyn, Bair, Rankin, Scholten, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Misner and French Excused.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

- EDC formed sub-committee to consider responses to partner on broadband issue
- Municipal Analytic conducting study on financial health of county
- Geoffrey Miller, SRO at Benzie Central, gave presentation
- Senior Resource Center will not be pursuing purchase of Platte Valley Elementary; cost prohibitive

- LERP, developed evacuation protocol in the event of an ammonia incident at Smeltzer Orchard Co.
- Maples is at 94% occupancy
- Benzonia Township considering new office space/EMS/Fire Department project

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Audit Field Days changed to June 13th & 14th

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Discussed.

STREETS: Discussed.

PARKS: Excused.

WATER: Excused.

EQUIPMENT: Trustee Scholten shares that Manistee Ford truck purchase will not be moving forward. Two bids presented:

- Fox Grand Traverse 2019 Ford - \$36,600
- Watson 2019 Dodge – \$34,600

Both trucks have v-plow. Discussion. **Scholten moves, supported by Heyn, to purchase a 2019 Dodge truck from Watson's in Benzonia. Ayes – Heyn, Bair, Rankin, Scholten, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Misner and French Excused.**

PLANNING COMMISSION: Focus on Master Plan.

ZONING: ZA Sara Kirk submitted written summary of zoning related issues as brought forth since last months Village Council meeting. Summary read by Clerk and discussed. Further summarized as follows:

1. 7188 Traverse Ave – fence permit questions.
2. South Street – questions regarding split/re-zoning for storage buildings. Council suggests owner find out whether lots are buildable and if they require DEQ approval.
3. 1053 Vigland Lane – fence permit questions.
4. 7470 River Road – fence permit and basketball court related questions.

OTHER BUSINESS: President Flynn shares that Eclipse has expressed interest in attaching lightweight equipment to railing of water tower for broadband expansion purposes. Discussion. Consensus that engineer approval would be the required first step.

Scholten moves, supported by Rankin, to adjourn meeting at 7:46. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Misner and French Excused.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda Nye
Village Clerk

Minutes Drafted: May 10, 2019

Amended: June 4, 2019

Approved: July 8, 2019