

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF BENZONIA  
1276 MICHIGAN AVENUE  
BENZONIA, MI 49616  
MONDAY, October 7, 2019

PRESENT:

PRESIDENT: Flynn  
COUNCIL: Heyn, Bair, French, Rankin  
CLERK: Nye  
TREASURER: Flynn  
SUPERINTENDENT: Excused  
ASST SUPERINTENDENT: Cline  
ZONING ADMIN: Kirk  
VISITORS: Michelle Leines, Steve Stephens  
ABSENT: Misner

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Benzonia Village Council was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by President Flynn.

ATTENDANCE TAKEN BY CLERK

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

VISITORS: No comments.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting Minutes September 2019

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

MEDC/RRC Meeting Notes 09.11.2019

**French moves, supported by Rankin, to approve the MEDC/RRC Meeting Notes 09.11.2019, as presented. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Misner – Absent.**

Park Meeting Notes 09.20.2019

**Heyn moves, supported by Rankin, to approve the Park Meeting Notes 09.20.2019, as presented. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Misner – Absent.**

ORDINANCE 2019-02 PROHIBITION OF MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS  
ORDINANCE: **French moves, supported by Rankin, to approve Ordinance 2019-02 Prohibition of Marihuana Establishments, as presented. Ayes – Heyn, French,**

**Rankin, Bair, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Misner – Absent. Clerk to publish.**

CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE:

- MML Risk Control Solutions and Self-Assessment
- CLCBA request for Music in the Park support. **Heyn moves, supported by French, to support Music in the Park with a \$50.00 contribution from Community Promotion line item. Ayes – Bair, Rankin, French, Heyn, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Misner – Absent.**
- Formal complaint regarding Bassett residence received.
- Cummins Sales & Service Estimate for generator repairs received. **French moves, supported by Rankin, to approve the estimate for suggested repairs to generator. Ayes – Heyn, French, Rankin, Bair, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Misner – Absent.**
- Flyer for 2019 County Summit October 25, 2019, 8a.m. – noon.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

BILLS LIST:

**French moves, supported by Heyn, to approve payment of bills for the month of October in the amount of \$22,055.73. Ayes – French, Heyn, Bair, Rankin, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Misner – Absent.**

Clerk directed to request Hilltop Maintenance be more prompt in their billing as invoices were received in October for work done in June and August.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

**Heyn moves, supported by French, to accept the Treasurer’s Report through October 7, 2019, as presented. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Misner – Absent.**

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Excused

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- Mowing
- Reading water meters
- Taking care of fallen trees
- Watching over park project
- 12” concrete slab was found under tennis court during removal – Kerby charged about a third of what concrete company was going to charge to remove.

Steve Stephens offers praise for the efforts of the new Asst Superintendent; states that 100 daffodil bulbs have been planted by the Post Office; offers that tennis court poles and fencing can be salvaged with some effort; discusses handicap parking spaces at Mills Community House as impacted by the park project.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

- Emergency Manager/911 Director positions being merged
- EMS purchasing a new ambulance
- Positions available in the jail and 911 dispatch
- Options to address the Headlee Rollback being discussed
- Change in retirement benefit being considered

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Desiree Olsen and Joe Bishop have expressed interest, in writing, in the available Planning Commission seats. Discussion. **French moves, supported by Rankin, to appoint Desiree Olsen and Joe Bishop to the Planning Commission filling vacated seats in accordance with corresponding terms. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Misner – Absent.** Clerk to send letters of appreciation to the Planning Commission members who vacated their seats for their time serving the village.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Assistant Superintendent, Jake Cline, welcomed the birth of his first child last week. Cline is still in an employment probationary period and has no paid leave. Due to the exceptional way Cline has dealt with new employment, with one day of ‘training’, it’s being proposed a few days of paid leave be considered as a signing bonus. **French moves, supported by Heyn, to grant Jake Cline three days of paid leave due to the unconventional circumstances of new employment. Ayes – Rankin, French, Bair, Heyn, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Misner – Absent.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

PLANNING COMMISSION & ZONING:

- Monthly Zoning Summary presented – included with meeting minutes.
- Zoning Ordinance violations need to reference the Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance to be actionable – ZA Kirk will contact Dick Figura for clarification.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

**French moves, supported by Heyn, to adjourn meeting at 7:41. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Misner - Absent.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda Nye  
Village Clerk

Minutes Drafted: October 12, 2019

Approved: November 4, 2019