

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF BENZONIA  
1276 MICHIGAN AVENUE  
BENZONIA, MI 49616  
MONDAY, September 9, 2019

PRESENT:

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

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: No comments.

MINUTES: Regular Meeting Minutes August 2019

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

Employee Review Committee Meeting 08.29.2019

**Heyn moves, supported by Misner, to approve the Employee Review Committee Meeting Minutes 08.22.2019, as presented. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Scholten – Absent.**

Special Meeting Minutes 08.29.2019

**French moves, supported by Misner, to approve the Special Meeting Minutes 08.29.2019, as presented. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Scholten – Absent.**

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:

- ZA new zoning email: zoning.villageofbenzonia@gmail.com
- Simple IRA Plan – Required Notification
- Proposal received from Chad Marshall to provide assistance with water system until Superintendent returns and new Assistant Superintendent obtains required licensure. **French moves, supported by Misner, to accept the terms proposed by Chad Marshall to provide assistance with the water system as presented.**

**Ayes – Bair, Flynn, French, Misner, Heyn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Scholten – Absent.**

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

BILLS LIST:

**Heyn moves, supported by French, to approve payment of bills for the month of September in the amount of \$32,416.24. Ayes – French, Misner, Heyn, Bair, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried, Scholten – Absent.**

TREASURER’S REPORT:

**Misner moves, supported by French, to accept the Treasurer’s Report through September 9, 2019, as presented. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Scholten – Absent.**

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Excused

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- Getting familiar with job
- Sweeping streets
- Park work

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

- County Budgeting – 1982 millage rate set at 5.29 for General Operating Fund, currently at 3.44; can’t support mandated and desired services currently provided.
- Attended MAC Conference, topics covered: Opioid Litigation, Mental Health Challenges, Open Meetings Act, 2020 Census and Redistricting Efforts
- Land Bank success story – 16 acre parcel with dump on it restored by purchaser.
- FEMA Meeting – review new maps online.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- RRC meeting with MEDC September 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- Marijuana Opt In/Opt Out. Village Council has decided to take no action in the past. President Flynn shares that an Opt Out and ordinance is required to prevent recreational marijuana sales within the village; ordinance must then be forwarded to LARA. **Rankin moves, supported by Misner to Opt Out of the sale of recreational marijuana within the village. Ayes – All. Nays - None. Motion Carried. Scholten – Absent.** Appropriate ordinance will be presented for consideration at October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Congregational Church Property Lease. Lease was incorrectly recorded as Block 5 instead of Block 15. Clerk will take action to correct.
- Chad Marshall Unused Sick Time Pay. French moves, supported by Rankin, to direct Clerk to pay Chad Marshall unused sick pay at amount calculated. Ayes – Heyn, Misner, French, Bair, Rankin, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Scholten – Absent.

- Deering bid to remove dead tree in village right-of -ways. **French moves, supported by Heyn, to accept the bid for tree removal from Deering in the amount of \$3,250.00. Ayes – Misner, Rankin, Bair, Heyn, Flynn, French. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Scholten – Absent.**
- Trustee attendance review. Trustee Scholten has not responded to phone calls or email regarding several consecutive missed meetings. Clarification regarding Trustee status is needed. Clerk will make contact, if no response certified and regular mail will be sent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

PLANNING COMMISSION & ZONING:

- Monthly Zoning Summary presented.
- Land division ordinance is needed.
- Planning Commission currently has two vacancies. ZA given discretion to run ad to fill positions if necessary.
- Applications and fees need to be developed.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

**French moves, supported by Misner, to adjourn meeting at 7:32. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Scholten - Absent.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda Nye  
Village Clerk

Minutes Drafted: September 16, 2019

Approved: October 7, 2019