

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF BENZONIA
Monday, January 8, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

PRESIDENT:	Flynn
COUNCIL:	Hafer, Moss, Myers, French, Giatti, Herryman
CLERK:	Cutler
TREASURER:	Flynn
SUPERINTENDENT:	Pritchard
ASST SUPERINTENDENT:	Cole
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:	Kirk
PUBLIC:	Rhonda Nye, County Commissioner, Vicky Carpenter
ABSENT:	

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

French moves, supported by Myers, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- December 4, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - **Moss moves, supported by Myers, to approve the December 4, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Ayes: All, Nays: None, Motion Carried.**
- December 14, 2023 Walker Street Meeting Minutes – **French moves, supported by Hafer to approve the December 14, 2023 Walker Street Meeting Minutes. Ayes: All Nays: None, Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Fireworks Beulah Winterfest** – Winterfest is scheduled for 2/10/24, In order to display fireworks over Crystal Lake they need at least 5” of ice to absorb the shock. Should they find that they do not have enough ice, Vicky Carpenter asks the Council for support in conducting the fireworks as “plan B” in the field behind Family Fare. West Shore Fireworks has a certificate of insurance and a conditional agreement. **Herryman moves, supported by French to support the request of having Fireworks displayed behind Family Fair in the open field as “plan B” with a**

conditional agreement to get receipt of insurance, before the next meeting scheduled on February 5, 2024. Ayes: All, Nays: None, Motion Carried.

- MDOT ACT51 Non-Motorized Spending Resolution - Clerk presented the Resolution #001-24 along with "Appendix A", outlining projects to bring the Village back into compliance. **Hafer moves, supported by Myers to accept the Resolution Authorizing Non-Motorized Transportation Improvements as presented. Ayes: All Nays: None: Motion Carried.**
- Bills List – **French moves, supported by Myers to approve payment of the bills for the month of January 2024 in the amount of \$61,125.23. Roll Call: French, Myers, Herryman, Moss, Hafer, Giatti, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**
- Treasurers Report – **Myers Moves, supported by Herryman to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. Ayes: All Nays: None: Motion Carried.**

UNFINISHED MATTERS:

- Myers has accepted responsibility to become a secondary signer on checks for the Village of Benzonia. **Herryman moves, supported by Moss to approve Myers as secondary signer. Ayes: All Nays: None: Motion Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

- Written report submitted and will be made part of the Regular January 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

- First meeting of the year is an organizational meeting, w/Roelofs continuing to hold position of Chair and Markey as Vice Chair.


ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Written report submitted and will be made part of the Regular January 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Hafer moves, supported by Myers to adjourn meeting at 6:48 p.m. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,


Maridee Cutler,
Village Clerk

DRAFTED: January 15, 2024

APPROVED: February 5, 2024