

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MARCH MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF BENZONIA
Monday, March 1, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

PRESIDENT:	Flynn
COUNCIL:	Heyn, Bair, Cook, Misner, French
CLERK:	Cutler
TREASURER:	Flynn
SUPERINTENDENT:	Boman
ASST SUPERINTENDENT:	Cline
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:	Kirk
PUBLIC:	Rhonda Nye, County Commissioner, Michelle Leines, Kathleen Hibbard
ABSENT:	Rankin – Excused

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Meeting of the Benzonia Village Council was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by President Flynn.

ATTENDANCE TAKEN BY CLERK

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

French moves, supported by Heyn, to approve the Agenda. Roll Call: French, Heyn, Misner, Bair, Cook, Flynn. Nays: None. Motion Carried. Rankin – Excused.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 1, 2020 MINUTES:

French moves, supported by Misner, to approve the February 1, 2020 Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll Call: Misner, French, Heyn, Cook, Bair, Flynn. Nays: None. Motion Carried. Rankin– Excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ACTION ITEMS:

1. USDA Draw #10 – Draw request Cole \$10,330.00 and FV \$4425.00 for Engineering for a total of \$14,755.00. **French moves, supported by Heyn, to approve USDA Pay Draw #10. Roll Call: Bair, Heyn, French, Cook, Misner, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Rankin – Excused.**
2. Academy Park Project – Pay request for \$29,205.00 to TC Concrete for the tennis court. **Misner moves, supported by French, to approve TC Concrete Payment. Roll Call: Cook, Bair, Misner, French, Heyn, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Rankin – Excused.**
3. Discussion took place regarding the Tower Attachment Lease – Ken Mlcek recommends that the Council request the drawings that are referred to in the

letter before signing the request, so that the Council can approve the work to be done on the tower. Once the drawings are received then the President may sign the Tower Attachment agreement.

4. Council was update on the progress of the BS & A software update. Computer have been specked along with a server. Checking back with Shane Iverson to see if he can look it over. Or, perhaps call Acucomp, company that works with Benzonia Township to see if they can help out regarding computer upgrades.
5. Council was updated on the Department of Transportation Act 51 Mileage Certification Report completion.
6. Approval of the Employee Review Committee Notes – **Cook moves, supported by French to approve the Employee Review Committee Notes from February 11, 2021. Roll Call: Heyn, Cook, Bair, French, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Rankin – Excused, Misner**
7. Council was updated regarding the discussion regarding the proposal from DTE Energy, re: Fencing near the ball park diamond. DTE was informed that the location would need to be relocated as the proposed location is not feasible.
8. RRC discussion – Council was updated on the progress of the RCC requirements, currently Clerk doesn't have the available time required to work on this project. Flynn, asks if the Zoning Administrator would have time to review the project. Kirk will look into the RRC project and review.
9. Bills List – **Cook moves, supported by Bair to approve payment of the bills for the month of March 2021 in the amount of \$ 41,357.04. Roll Call: French, Misner, Bair, Cook, Heyn, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Rankin – Excused.**
10. Treasurer's Report - **Heyn moves, supported by Misner, to approve the Treasurer's Report to February 28, 2021, as presented. Roll Call: Bair, French, Cook, Heyn, Misner, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Rankin – Excused.**

UNFINISHED MATTERS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Crystal Mountain letter in support of Iron Man
- B. Sunrise Rotary Grant for the ice rink – letter denied request
- C. Scott Barker request to use ice rink – used on first come first serve basis
- D. Benzie Historical Society donation request – Council reviewed, cannot use tax payer money for donation.
- E. Academy Park Extension letter correspondence.
- F. Estimated Distribution for Marijuana tax

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

- Snow Plowing/blowing off sidewalks
- Worked with cell phone staff on tower
- Generator work all new ready for well 4
- Fixes shunt on snow blower
- Cleaned snowbanks and moved back

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

- County Commissioner Nye – Reports on County business, Working with A Better Sound to update Commissioner room with Audio/Visual, continuing workshops on updating the Strategic Plan from 2019, Administrative office changes, working with executive replacement firm for County Administrator, and putting ad in paper for new Deputy County Administrator.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Written report submitted and will be made part of the Regular March 2021 Minutes. ZA gave update on Collier hearing, creating Spring clean-up letter, add to clean-up letter pavilion reservations first come first serve.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

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Misner moves, supported by French to adjourn meeting at 7:25 p.m. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Rankin – Excused.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maridee Cutler,
Village Clerk

DRAFTED: March 6, 2021

APPROVED: April 5, 2021