

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR APRIL MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF BENZONIA
Monday, April 5, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

PRESIDENT:	Flynn
COUNCIL:	Heyn, Cook, French
VIA ZOOM	Misner ,Kirk, Bair
CLERK:	excused
TREASURER:	Flynn
SUPERINTENDENT:	Boman
ASST SUPERINTENDENT:	Cline
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:	Kirk via zoom
PUBLIC :	Ken Mlcek, Steve Stephens, in person
VIA ZOOM:	Rhonda Nye, County Commissioner, Michelle Leines, Kathleen Hibbard, Barb Skurdall
ABSENT:	M. Cutler; Excused

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Meeting of the Benzonia Village Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Flynn.

ATTENDENCE TAKEN BY TREASURER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF March 1, 2021 MINUTES:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Barb Skurdall wanted to voice her appreciation of the Passport grant and asked how the small older court would be marked.

Steve Stephens once again asked when the fencing between the Mills building and the park would be repaired and completed. Bricks need to be purchased to repair Dorthy's garden. Phil told him we would call Apple Fence again.

Stephens left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

Ken Mlcek addresses the board regarding the USDA Draw #11, Eagle approval of preliminary start up of 2 new generators, also Change Order to add functionality of chemical feed to wells. Drawing monies from contingency fund in the amounts of \$7,300 and \$2,300.00 for a total of \$9,716.94'

French moves to approve draw, Support by Cook; roll called Heyn, Flynn, Cook, French, Bair, Misner, Nays: None, Ayes, All motion carried

USDA Draw #11 – Draw request \$57,300.00, Cole \$55,700.00 and FV \$1,625.00 for engineering for a total of \$57,300.00. **French moves, supported by Heyn, to approve USDA Pay Draw #11. Roll Call: Bair, Misner, French, Cook, Heyn, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**

Mlcek proposes to the council the application for a MDOT B grant to possibly collect up to a 50 percent grant for some of our streets. **French moves to participate, support by Cook, roll called, Misner, Bair, Cook, French, Heyn, Flynn; Ayes- All, Nays, None Motion carried.**

Placement of Ad to replace Phil Boman, posted in Benzie County Record Patriot for 4 weeks. Boman's retirement is accepted with regrets. **French moves, support by Cook, Roll called : Misner, Bair, Flynn, Cook, French, Heyn, Motion carried**
Discussion regarding Gary Rankins resignation due to health issues., accepted with regrets

Replacement of cell phones for DPW. Att offered a price for both phones and unlimited data for about \$150.00 per month. Misner moves, Bair supports, roll called, Flynn, Cook, French, Heyn Bair, Misner, **Ayes all, Nays, none, motion carried.**

Bills List : Bills to be paid in the amount of \$23, 863.98. **Misner moves, supported by French, Roll called; Heyn, French, Cook, Flynn, Misner, Bair. Nays-None, Ayes All**

Treasurer's Report given, French moves to accept, support by Heyn, ayes All

UNFINISHED MATTERS: Fence completion discussed above.

CORRESPONDENCE:
NONE

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

- Spring Clean up Scheduled for Saturday May 1, 2021
- Took Ford pickup to Manistee Ford for a wiring problem
- Snow Plowing/blowing off sidewalks Worked with cell phone staff on tower
- Worked with Deering to take trees down
- Cleaning up village from winter debris

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Same

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

- County Commissioner Nye – Reports on County business, Both Benzie and Frankfort schools resource officers report main problems with student body is behavioral health and homelessness.

- Working to replace the Assistant County Administrator, a new title has been created for this position.
- Stimulus money to be disbursed to Benzie County in the amount of \$3.4 million, with \$270 thousand to go to Benzonia Township. Villages will receive monies dependent on their population.
- County Treasurer reports the delinquent taxes we at an all time low at 3.999 percent
- Also that crosswalk markings on US31 are badly worn and need to be replaced.
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ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Written report submitted and will be made part of the Regular April 2021 Minutes. ZA gave update on Collier hearing, to take place April 26, 2021, Ba creating Spring clean-up letter,
- No site visit for 1089 Bailey as of yet.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Michell Leines reminded us that the Benzonia Public Library has a website where reminders are listed and anyone may join their web list.
- Barb Skurdall states she is on the County Parks and Rec board and is anxious for the tennis courts to be striped for summer activities. Also that pickleball is a great family activity.
- Kathleen Hibbard commented that pickleball and hopscotch markings would be a good use for the older small tennis court.

**Misner moves to adjourn, supported by Bair ,at 7: 17 p.m. Ayes – All. Nays – None.
Motion Carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Tonnetta S Flynn,
Village Treasurer

FINAL DRAFT: April 9, 2021