

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MAY MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF BENZONIA
Monday, May 3, 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:	Barb Skurdall, Shaun Johnson, Dodie Toman, Ken Mlcek, Michelle Leines, Steve Stephens, and Rhonda Nye, County Commissioner,
ABSENT:	Misner, in at 6:07 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- April 5, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes, **French moves, supported by Heyn, to approve the April 5, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll Call: French, Heyn, Cook, Bair, Flynn. Nays: None. Motion Carried. Misner– Excused.**
- Approval of the April 8, 2021 MDOT Grant Money for Streets **Heyn moves, supported by Bair, to approve the April 8, 2021 MDOT Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll Call: Bair, Heyn, French, Cook, Flynn. Nays: None. Motion Carried. Misner– Excused.**
- Approval of the April 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes regarding Federal Funds, **Bair moves, supported by Heyn, to approve the April 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes regarding Federal Funds as presented. Roll Call: Cook, Bair, French, Heyn, Flynn. Nays: None. Motion Carried. Misner– Excused.**
- Approval of the April 19, 2021 Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes, **French moves, supported by Bair, to approve the April 19, 2021 personnel Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll Call: Heyn,**

Cook, Bair, French, Flynn. Nays: None. Motion Carried. Misner– Excused.

- Approval of the April 30, 2021 Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes, **French moves, supported by Bair, to approve the April 30, 2021 Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll Call: French, Misner, Heyn, Cook, Bair, Flynn. Nays: None. Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Steve Stephens thanked the Council for getting the fence fixed and wondered about asphalt for the parking lot, and re-striping where the signs are. Mr. Stevenson is also making the flower beds by the post office a registered Monarch Waystation, and presented the board with a plaque.
- Dodie Toman commented that she is interested in the vacant Council seat.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. USDA Draw #11 – Draw request Cole \$75,619.00 and FV \$5,639.96 for Engineering for a total of \$81,258.96, this draw is primarily for bringing the well house on line, along with decommissioning the old well. **French moves, supported by Heyn, to approve USDA Pay Draw #11. Roll Call: Bair, French, Cook, Heyn, Misner, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**
2. Resolution 2021-01 Request for Funding from MDOT for \$158,500 – **French moves, supported by Cook to offer the Preamble and Resolution 2021-01. Roll Call: Cook, Heyn, French, Bair, Flynn. Nays – Misner Motion Carried.**
3. Village Council Seat discussion – Council has three interested candidates for the vacant Village Council Seat (Ann Marie Kriszt, Tom Hafer, and Dodie Toman). Council discussed how to fill the seat and will table this discussion until they can consult MCL 62.10 General Law for guidance on how to proceed. Village President will call a Special Meeting once guidance has been consulted. Seat is a four year obligation.
4. Unison Site Management Discussion – Unison Site Management has reached out to the Council to purchase the cell tower leases, after discussion the Council has declined the offer, and will not be acting on the offer. Clerk to contact Unison and thank them for the offer.
5. Bills List – **Heyn moves, supported by French to approve payment of the bills for the month of May 2021 in the amount of \$ 25,940.53. Roll Call: French, Heyn, Misner, Bair, Cook, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**
6. Treasurer’s Report - **Misner moves, supported by French, to approve the Treasurer’s Report to April 30, 2021, as presented. Roll Call: Misner, French, Heyn, Cook, Bair, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**

UNFINISHED MATTERS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter from Mike Flynn re: Water Tower ARES/RACES, thanking the Council for the use of the Tower.
- Benzie Historical Society donation – Council discussed and are unable to donate to the Historical Society.
- Crystal Lake Community Business donation – Council discussed and will donate to the CLCB as this is a normal donation request that is approved each year. **French moves, supported by Misner, to approve a donation to the CLCBA as presented. Roll Call: Bair, Heyn, French, Cook, Misner, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

- Worked at the parks
- Sweep Streets
- Put up new Sign
- Fixed the Massey
- Repaired Fence in the park

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

- Took class for next water exam, needs to sign up for the exam
- Has been working with AT & T trying to get the new phones up and going, been an ongoing process. Vicky Rankin was still listed as the “business contact”, had to send death certificate to get her removed. Added Jake as a contact and requested tax exempt status.

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

- County Commissioner Nye – Reports on County business, Protective glass has been added at the Clerk, Treasurers and Register of Deeds office. Union contract negotiations have started, \$84k marijuana moneys received by the County will go towards the MERS unfunded liability, new HR/Finance Manager has been hired, Sheriff Rosa reported on the uptick in Drug use in the County, ARPA funds are available, need to get requests in to the County.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Written report submitted and will be made part of the Regular May 2021 Minutes. Three land use permits were issued, Letter sent to Ingersal property, 7059 Traverse Ave has the travel trailers removed, 11 courtesy letters were sent out advising of the cleanup day and to make use of the dumpsters, 1089 Bailey Street civil infraction ticket for \$100 was issued with a constructed order written by Judge Mead, has till 5/21/21 to comply with the order.

- Planning Commission update: Review of Action Items, will be scheduling a meet and greet at the Township Hall on May 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., RRC update and training finished, need to add to the agenda a Capital Improvement Plan along with a need for volunteers to help with planning.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Shaun Johnson asked that the village consider using half of the Tennis Courts for pickle ball, wondered if lines could be added to the court and use as Tennis/Pickle ball.
- Barb Skurdall, thanked Steve Stevenson for time in adding the Village as a registered Monarch Waystation. Also, suggests using the old court as a pickle ball court, just need to buy a net for it.
- Steve Stevenson indicated that a large board is still at the tennis court and a net is stored behind it, maybe that could be used.
- Michelle Leines reported that the Website has been updated with ADA requirements, RRC Guide has been added, working through old FaceBook page and old website decommissioning.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion took place regarding new Superintendent, has license and is experienced. Has been offered position at \$18/hr.
- A small party will be held for the retirement of Phillip Boman at the Village office on May 21, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Maridee Cutler,
Village Clerk

DRAFTED: May 8, 2021

APPROVED: June 7, 2021