

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MAY MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF BENZONIA
Monday, June 7, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

PRESIDENT: Flynn
COUNCIL: Heyn, Bair, Cook, Misner,, Hafer
CLERK: Cutler
TREASURER: Flynn
SUPERINTENDENT: Pritchard
ASST SUPERINTENDENT: Cline
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Kirk
PUBLIC: Barb Skurdall, Dodie Toman, Ken Mlcek,
Michelle Leines, Steve Stephens, and
Rhonda Nye, County Commissioner,
ABSENT: French

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:

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- May 3, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes, **Heyn moves, supported by Misner, to approve the May 3, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll Call: Heyn, Cook, Bair, Hafer, Flynn. Nays: None. Motion Carried. French– Excused.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Dodie Toman commented about the Monarch Butterflies
- Barb Skurdall commented about the pickle ball courts

ACTION ITEMS:

1. USDA Draw #13– Draw request Cole \$45,706.69 and FV \$3,419.00 for Engineering for a total of \$49,125.69, this draw is primarily for bringing the well house on line, which is now up and running/generator tested. Well 1 & 2 will be decommissioned next week. **Heyn moves, supported by Bair, to approve USDA Pay Draw #13. Roll Call: Bair, Cook, Heyn, Misner, Hafer, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. French – Excused.**

2. Change order #3 for \$11,477.00 – **Misner moves, supported by Cook to approve the change order in the amount of \$11,477.00 to come from the USA Contingency Fund. . Roll Call: Cook, Heyn, Hafer, Bair, Misner, Flynn. Nays – None, Motion Carried. French - Excused.**
3. Michelle Liens updated the Council on changes that are being made to the website, submitted full report.
4. Council reviewed the need for a computer or laptop for the new Superintendent. Will use one of the replaced computers in the back for him that can have access to the printer.
5. Discussion took place regarding putting an emergency office number on the website, will use 911 for emergency situations.
6. Bills List – **Heyn moves, supported by Bair to approve payment of the bills for the month of June 2021 in the amount of \$ 20,765.18. Roll Call: Hafer, Heyn, Misner, Bair, Cook, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. French – Excused.**
7. Treasurer’s Report - **Misner moves, supported by Bair, to approve the Treasurer’s Report to May 31, 2021, as presented. Roll Call: Misner, Hafer, Heyn, Cook, Bair, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. French – Excused.**
 - 7a. Approval of the L4029 – **Hafer moves, supported by Heyn to approve the tax rate of 12.1475 for tax year 21/22. Roll Call: Misner, Hafer, Bair, Heyn, Cook, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. French – Excused.**
 - 7b. Delinquent Water billings added to Property Tax – **Cook moves, supported by Misner to add the Delinquent Water Billings as presented to the Property Tax billings. Roll Call: Heyn, Cook, Misner, Hafer, Bair, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. French – Excused.**

UNFINISHED MATTERS:

Steve Stephens will be working on the planter boxes around the top of the hill, need help with watering the flowers. Chris and Jake will look into a water container to purchase to take care of watering the flowers. Rhonda and Ken Nye will remain as backup.

CORRESPONDENCE:

SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT REPORT:

- Worked on cleaning up leaves and brush
- Mowing
- Turning water faucets on
- Study for Exam
- Train new Superintendent

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

- County Commissioner Nye – Reports on County business, spoke about Parks & Recreation DNR lease, broadband funding and data collection survey, Interview to be held on Friday for new County Commissioner.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Written report submitted and will be made part of the Regular June 2021 Minutes.
- Planning Commission update: Draft Short Term Rental Ordinance, Blight Ordinance Update, Review Storage Accessory Buildings are ready for public hearing in August. 9 people attended meet and greet meeting.
- RRC Update – Masterplan has been uploaded.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Dangerous Building Ordinance should be created for buildings that are uninhabitable, this will give the County teeth to go and inspect and condemn properties.
- Steve Stephens commented that he needs a check for \$200 to get flowers for the flower boxes. Worked on Post Office gardens and has some splitting of bulbs at Mills Community House to do.

Cook moves, supported by Hafer to approve the purchase of flowers for the flower boxes not to exceed \$200. Roll Call: Misner, Hafer, Bair, Heyn, Cook, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. French – Excused.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Maridee Cutler,
Village Clerk

DRAFTED: June 12, 2021

APPROVED: July 12, 2021