

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR JULY MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF BENZONIA
Monday, July 12, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

PRESIDENT: Flynn
COUNCIL: Heyn, Bair, Cook, Misner,, Hafer, French
CLERK: Cutler
TREASURER: Flynn
SUPERINTENDENT: Pritchard
ASST SUPERINTENDENT: Cline
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Kirk
PUBLIC: Dodie Toman, Kathleen Hibbard and
Rhonda Nye, County Commissioner,
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:

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- June 7, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes, **French moves, supported by Heyn, to approve the June 7, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll Call: Cook, Misner, Hafer, French, Heyn Bair, Flynn. Nays: None. Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Kathleen Hibbard commented that she liked being able to pay her Water Bill on line and wondered if tax bills will have the same option.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. USDA Draw #14– Draw request Cole \$59,975.61 and FV \$17,215.57 for Engineering for a total of \$77,191.18. Draw is for decommissioning well 1 & 2 and related items. **Hafer moves, supported by French, to approve USDA Pay Draw #14. Roll Call: Misner, Hafer, French, Heyn, Bair, Cook, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**
2. AT & T Contract Discussion – AT & T approached the Council by letter to negotiate new contract terms. Council agreed to draft a letter for Figura Law Firm to review and finalize to AT & T.

3. Gabridge & Company Engagement Letter - Council reviewed the need for **French moves, supported by Misner to enter into an agreement with Gabridge & Company for the Village audit not to exceed \$9,900, \$5,900 for audit and \$4,000 for the required single audit. Roll Call: Misner, Hafer, French, Heyn, Bair, Cook, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**
4. Protech Application for Membership – Clerk to investigate, table till next meeting.
5. Lindsay & Cherly Witucki Discussion – Assistant Superintendent Cline called and spoke with Kerby's backhoe, they will come out and look at the issue next week. Original job was overlooked, need quote. Council approved to have the work done not to exceed \$7,500. **French moves, supported by Hafer to have Kerby's bid not to exceed \$7,500. Roll Call: French, Heyn, Bair, Cook, Misner, Hafer, French, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**
6. Bills List – **Heyn moves, supported by Bair to approve payment of the bills for the month of July 2021 in the amount of \$ 28,058.81. Roll Call: Bair, Cook, Misner, Hafer, French, Heyn, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**
7. Treasurer's Report - **Misner moves, supported by French, to approve the Treasurer's Report to June 30, 2021, as presented. Roll Call: French, Misner, Hafer, Heyn, Cook, Bair, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**

UNFINISHED MATTERS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

- MML Liability and Property Renewal Summary – Clerk reviewed the summary by MML regarding the MML pool and refund dividend of \$564. The Village renewal increased 1.7% over last year, due to payroll being higher than the prior year. Clerk asks Council for approval to respond to issue the Villages renewal policy. **French moves, supported by Heyn to allow the Clerk to send the Village approval to the MML. Roll Call: Heyn, Bair, Cook, Misner, Hafer, French, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**
- Presented application for grant \$\$ from the Michigan Department of Treasury (CLFRF).
- MML Annual Meeting Notice
- MIGrants DNR Grant approved in the amount of \$20,443.50
- Music in the Street
- Consumers Energy 2020 demand response correspondence
- DTE reconciliation of Energy Waste Reduction Plane expenses for 2020 correspondence

SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT REPORT:

- Review of bids from Kerby's Backhoe Services, LLC.
- Received riser lid for septic tank

- Dug out spillways
- Receive information regarding D3 licensing to be able to treat water for over 500,000 gal, next exam date scheduled for November 2021
- Edged sidewalks
- Added sprinklers to the park/Well 4 seeded and growing
- Fallen tree near Vigland, cleaned up
- Swept and cleaned up from the rain

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

- County Commissioner Nye – Reports on County business, spoke about BACN and their new building @ 3.3 million, BACN raised 3.1 million the funds.
- Katie Ziets named new County Administrator
- County finishing up the budget
- EDC subcommittee will be making a recommendation to the board to have the County approve a \$40,000 data collection survey to be performed by Merit.
- Corrections and 911 have multiple job openings
- Homestretch doing housing in Honor

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Written report submitted and will be made part of the Regular July 2021 Minutes.
- Fencing on property line calls, zoning ordinance needs to be updated. Will do administrative pass for now until zoning is updated.
- August 3rd cleanup of 1089 Bailey Street

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kathleen asked about the status of the courts in the park. Color samples for the paint has just been received by the engineer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bair moves, supported by Hafer to adjourn meeting at 8:01 p.m. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,


Maridee Cutler,
Village Clerk

DRAFTED: July 18, 2021

APPROVED: 8/2/21