

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AUGUST MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF BENZONIA
Monday, August 2, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

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 Hafer, to approve the Agenda. Ayes: Hafer, Heyn, French, Bair, Cook, Flynn Nays: None. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- July 12, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes, **Heyn moves, supported by French, to approve the July 12, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Ayes: Hafer, Heyn, French, Bair, Cook, Flynn Nays: None. Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ACTION ITEMS:

- **USDA Draw #15– Draw request for Cole \$32,488.60. French moves, supported by Cook, to approve USDA Pay Draw #15. Roll Call: French, Heyn, Bair, Cook, Hafer, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**
- **Change Order #4 – \$5,122.88 and \$5,500.00 for a total of \$10,622.88 from USDA Contingency. Hafer moves, supported by French to approve USDA Contingency funds for \$10,622.88. Roll Call: French, Heyn, Cook, Hafer, Bair, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**
- AT & T Contract Discussion Action Plan – Hafer and Cutler to work together to contact other carriers, and current carriers to see if they would like to take on the additional space. Check with other communities as well.

Ken Mlcek as a connection at Dixon Engineering and will get us in contact with them. Hafer and Cutler will work on a counter offer letter and submit to Figura for review and have ready prior to next council meeting. **Heyn moves, supported by French, to allow Hafer and Cutler to work on AT & T Letter and submit to Figura. Ayes: Hafer, Heyn, French, Bair, Cook, Flynn Nays: None. Motion Carried.**

- Draft Policies – Clerk Cutler presented new polices to be adopted per recommendations from Gabridge & Company - Council reviewed drafted polices. **French moves, supported by Hafer to approve policies as presented. Ayes: Hafer, Heyn, French, Bair, Cook, Flynn Nays: None. Motion Carried.**
- Bills List – **Heyn moves, supported by French to approve payment of the bills for the month of August 2021 in the amount of \$ 40,378.93. Roll Call: Bair, Heyn, French, Cook, Hafer, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**
- Treasurer’s Report – **Hafer moves, supported by Bair to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Ayes: Hafer, Heyn, French, Bair, Cook, Flynn Nays: None. Motion Carried.**
 - **Treasurer asked for the approval of the Council to begin asking for a Driver’s License number for new water hookups as she is having a hard time collecting once a house is sold.**

UNFINISHED MATTERS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT REPORT:

- Big Truck and Flat Bed to Hill Top for repair
- Brush Hog
- Weed Whipping
- Cleaned up Orchard Street Tree
- Jake took his D4 Exam waiting on results, both Chris and Jake need to take the D3 Exam license in November.

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

County Commissioner Nye – Reports on County business,

- Benzonia township will be putting a Firebarn millage on the ballot for next election. They are also updating the walking loop at the park, currently ½ mile loop, updating to make a mile long loop.
- Parks and Recreation Committee is being asked to take over the managing and maintain of the Mollicaux Road boat launch.
- Gathering place in Honor has reopened, with added improvements for wheelchair accessibility.

- Undersheriff reported that they are down five employees in the jail, also need staff for 911 and EMS.
- EMS Director reported that they will have five ambulances available for the Iron Man to be held in Frankfort.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Written report submitted and will be made part of the Regular August 2021 Minutes.
- Council discussed clean-up process for Bailey Street. Council will approve clean-up for up to \$10,000. **French moves, supported by Hafer to approve up to \$10,000 to comply with the court order for the blight materials that can be removed under the direction of the Undersheriff. Roll Call: Cook, Hafer, Bair, French, Heyn, Flynn Nays: None. Motion Carried.**

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

- President Flynn asks for the approval of the Council name Hafer as Streets Chair. **French moves and Heyn supports appointing Hafer as Streets Chair. Ayes: Hafer, Heyn, French, Bair, Cook, Flynn Nays: None. Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Heyn moves, supported by French to adjourn meeting at 7:45 p.m. Ayes – Hafer, Heyn, French, Bair, Cook, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maridee Cutler,
Village Clerk

DRAFTED: August 4, 2021

APPROVED: September 13, 2021