

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SEPTEMBER MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF BENZONIA
Monday, September 13, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

PRESIDENT:	Flynn
COUNCIL:	Heyn, Bair, Cook, Hafer, French, Misner
CLERK:	Cutler
TREASURER:	Flynn
SUPERINTENDENT:	Pritchard
ASST SUPERINTENDENT:	Cline
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:	Kirk
PUBLIC:	Dodie Toman, Kathleen Hibbard, Ken Mlcek and Rhonda Nye, County Commissioner
ABSENT:	Misner in at 6:14 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Meeting of the Benzonia Village Council was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by President Flynn.

ATTENDANCE TAKEN BY CLERK

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- August 2, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes, **French moves, supported by Hayfer, to approve the August 2, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Ayes: Hafer, Heyn, French, Bair, Cook, Flynn Nays: None. Motion Carried. Absent Misner**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ACTION ITEMS:

- USDA Draw #16– Draw request for \$29,195.58 (Cole \$15,622.89 & FV \$13,572.69. Ken reported that the project fell under budget by \$31,000 the Village will deobligate \$29, 195.88. **French moves, supported by Hayfer, to approve USDA Pay Draw #16. Roll Call: French, Heyn, Bair, Cook, Hafer, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Absent Misner**
- AT & T Contract Discussion – Hayfer connected with Chris from Dixon Engineering, and they have never ran into this issue with AT & T before, he believes that we should wait and let AT & T respond to our initial letter that was sent to them. Dixon Engineering doesn't think AT & T will go through

with removing their equipment as there is no other tower in the area to give them coverage, the Village is a prime location. Cutler & Hafer will work on an outline of our position to submit at next Council meeting.

- Deering Tree Service – Invoice for \$9500.00 from Deering Tree Service for the removal of 9 dead trees, and prune the dead wood from maple. **French moves, supported by Heyn to approve the \$9,000.00 contract for the President to sign. Roll Call: Cook, Hafer, Bair, Misner, French, Heyn, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**
- Bills List – **Heyn moves, supported by Misner to approve payment of the bills for the month of September 2021 in the amount of \$ 46,445.44. Roll Call: Bair, Heyn, Misner, French, Cook, Hafer, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**
- Treasurer’s Report – **French moves, supported by Hayfer to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Ayes: Misner, Hafer, Heyn, French, Bair, Cook, Flynn Nays: None. Motion Carried.**

UNFINISHED MATTERS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Update Council on AT & T service at the Tower that is no longer needed as the line is now sent by cellular text. AT & T increase cost from February from \$248 to \$740. Council approved cancellation of the line.
- Update Council on increase of cost from Republic Services. Up \$125/per month.
- Councilman Hayfer talked with Council about yellow painting across the road by the elementary school where the kids cross over to the playground. Jessica Rhodes indicated that she would purchase the paint and do the work herself, she just wanted to make sure that was okay with the Village.

SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT REPORT:

- Had sanitary survey with Schott Conradson from EGLE, took 3 hrs. with no deficiencies.
- Fixing Washouts
- Mowing and watering flowers
- Chris and Jake both passed D-4 Exam.
- Bob Kerby did a temporary fix on Severance Street

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

County Commissioner Nye – Reports on County business,

- RDOF world digital opportunity fund for fiber layout coming from Charter, new cost of monthly service would be \$17.99.
- Animal Control Milage renewal issue will be talked about at the next Commissioners meeting, might use DTRF money to fund Animal Control until something is figured out.

- Mask mandate issued by the Health Department for the schools was causing a lot of issues.
- Update from the Benzonia Township Meeting regarding the New Fire Barn location, will be on the ballot later this year. Millage is for 20 years 3.7 million would be a .5mill increase.
- Iron Man was a huge success, they have a three-year contract.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Written report submitted and will be made part of the Regular August 2021 Minutes.
- Presented ordinance revisions that were spoke about at the August 18, public hearing meetings. Looking for Council Approval to move forward.
 1. Accessory Amendment
 2. Fence Amendment
 3. New Food Truck Ordinance

French moves, supported by Cook to adopt the three resolutions with changes as presented. Ayes: Bair, French, Cook, Hafer, Heyn, Misner, Flynn. Nays: None. Motion Carried.


FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Kathleen asks that Sara send copies of the ordinances to her.
- Kathleen also requests update from Misner regarding the tennis courts and whether they will be painted soon.
- Jake asks Council about increase in pay \$1/hr for passing his exam. Employee review committee will meet to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS: None

French moves, supported by Heyn to adjourn meeting at 8:07 p.m. Ayes – Hafer, Heyn, French, Bair, Misner, Cook, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,


Maridee Cutler,
Village Clerk

DRAFTED: September 19, 2021

APPROVED: October 4, 2021