

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR OCTOBER MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF BENZONIA
Monday, October 4, 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:	Steve Adams - Benzonia Fire Chief, Matt Biolette – Republic Services and Rhonda Nye, County Commissioner
ABSENT:	None

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 Heyn, to approve the Agenda as Amended. Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion Carried. Absent:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- September 13, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes, **French moves, supported by Heyn, to approve the September 13, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion Carried. Absent:**
- Employee Review Minutes, **Bair moves, supported by Cook, to approve the September 16, 2021 Employee Review Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. Ayes: All, Nays: None, Motion Carried. Absent:**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ACTION ITEMS:

- AT & T Contract Discussion – Review of Draft Letter to AT & T, **French moves, supported by Hayfer to approve the October 2, 2021 Letter to AT & T as presented. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Carried.**
- Request for Street Closure – Steve Adams Fire Chief is requesting permission to close the street from 5-8 p.m., on Sunday evening October 31, 2021. They will detour traffic around; fire department will supply volunteers

to direct traffic. Misner moves, supported by French to close the street as presented. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion carried.

- **Sign regulation review** – Review of the sign regulations included hand made signs and other signs that are displayed at corners and various other locations. Village has a sign regulation but it needs to be reviewed. Superintendents will remove signs that are left up after 3 days of the event taking place. Bring back to next meeting to review.
- **DTE Trees** – Edward Hoogterp contacted Sara regarding free trees that DTE would like to donate to the Village. Sara, Ed, Tim and Superintendents to meet on Tuesday with forester Kate Huddle to discuss the details of where the trees will be planted. **French moves, supported by Heyn to accept the donation of trees and move forward with the meeting on Tuesday. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion carried.**
- **ADA Compliance Hearing Aids** – Discussion took place regarding the purchase of an ADA Compliance Hearing Device for the Village. Toni and Tim will look for one locally and do some research on costs to bring back to the board for discussion.
- **CLCBA Halloween Request** - Village discussed the joint Halloween Request by the Village of Beulah, and will go forward with having Halloween on Sunday as planned with the Fire Department. Clerk to send Beulah a note to let them know.
- **Solid Waste Agreement** – Matt Biolette presented the Solid Waste Agreement from Republic Services. Current contract ends 6/30/22, there will be a 3.5% increase in cost per year for the next three years. **French moves, supported by Heyn to approve the Agreement with spelling errors changes as presented. Roll Call: Misner, French, Heyn, Cook, Hafer, Bair, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**
- **T-Mobile Acknowledgement Request:** Discussion took place regarding some movement on the tower by T-Mobile along with review of the Dixon Engineering information. **French moves, supported by Hayfer to sign the agreement as presented. Ayes: All, Nays: None, Motion Carried.**
- **Bills List** – **Misner moves, supported by Cook to approve payment of the bills for the month of October 2021 in the amount of \$ 261,003.73. Roll Call: Bair, Heyn, Misner, French, Cook, Hafer, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**
- **Treasurer's Report** – Discussion took place regarding the loans and amounts due, bring back to next meeting to review each Loan payment. **French moves, supported by Hayfer to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion Carried.**

UNFINISHED MATTERS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT REPORT:

- Removed brush, watered flowers, Flat bed truck is finished, getting big truck back.
- Fire extinguishers were inspected
- Lines on tennis court complete
- Fixed washouts
- Swept Roads
- Deering Tree is on schedule
- Bob Kerby coming back to finish up incomplete projects
- Work on Generator listing

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

County Commissioner Nye – Reports on County business,

- EDC Committee discussion about interested parties looking at the old school.
- Broadband survey to be launched, will be in paper, and on pizza boxes
- Curt VanderWall was instrumental in advocating to receive 1.5 million to help fix the apron around Point Betsie Lighthouse.
- Working on Animal Control reconfiguration – currently open three days a week
- Maple Millage reduction coming soon, the Maples refinanced and savings were realized, therefore reducing the millage.
- Looking at budget cuts for the Health Department asked for a 3% increase.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Written report submitted and will be made part of the Regular October 2021 Minutes.
Presented ordinance Amendments
 1. Accessory Amendment – **French moves, supported by Cook to accept the Accessory Amendment as presented. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Abstained: Bair. Motion Carried.**
 2. Fence Amendment – **Hayfer moves, supported by French to accept the Fence Amendment as presented. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Abstained: Bair. Motion Carried.**
 3. New Food Truck Ordinance – **Cook moves, supported by Misner to accept the Food Truck Ordinance as presented. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Abstained: Bair. Motion Carried.**

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Cook moves, supported by French to adjourn meeting at 7:28 p.m. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maridee Cutler,
Village Clerk

DRAFTED: October 9, 2021

APPROVED: November 1, 2021