

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR DECEMBER MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF BENZONIA
Monday, December 6, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

PRESIDENT:	Flynn
COUNCIL:	Heyn, Bair, Cook, Hafer, French, Misner
CLERK:	Cutler
TREASURER:	Flynn
SUPERINTENDENT:	Pritchard - absent
ASST SUPERINTENDENT:	Cline
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:	Kirk
PUBLIC:	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:

Village Clerk, adds items:

- 1. Resolutions**
- 2. Workers Compensation additional funds due**
- 3. Museum Taxes**
- 4. Christmas Bonus**
- 5. Late Water Fees**

Heyn moves, supported by Hafer, to approve the Agenda as Amended. Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- November 1, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes, **Hafer moves, supported by Heyn, to approve the November 1, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion Carried.**
- November 12, 2021 Sewer Meeting Minutes, **French moves, supported by French, to approve the November 12, 2021 Sewer Meeting Minutes as presented. Ayes: All, Nays: None, Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ACTION ITEMS:

- **CLFRF Fund** - A discussion regarding a resolution for use of funds to support the Study of Sanitary Sewer Feasibility for the Village took place. **Motioned by French, supported by Hafer to support the resolution as**

**presented. Ayes: Cook, Hafer, Bair, Misner, French, Heyn Flynn.
Nays: None Motion carried.**

- **Workers Compensation Fund** – Workers Compensation Fund billing came in a little higher due to increase in wages for last year. Clerk asks board approve additional funds. Heyn moves, supported by Hayfer to use additional funds to pay for the increase in billing as presented. Ayes: Heyn, Cook, Hafer, Bair, Misner, French, Flynn. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- **Taxes for Museum** – A discussion took place regarding a new tax that was assessed on the Museum. It also seems that the Village owned Water Tower was moved to the Museums tax bill as well, which is incorrect. The Treasurer will call Benzonia Township to have the water tower removed.
- **Christmas Bonuses** – Heyn asked the Council to approve Christmas bonuses for the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Treasurer, and Clerk. **Hayfer moves, supported by Cook to approve the payment of \$100 each, Christmas Bonus. Ayes: French, Misner, Bair, Cook, Hafer, Heyn, Flynn. Nays: None. Motion carried.**
- **Water Issues** – Discussion took place regarding:
 - 1) EGLE wants the Village to review connections from the curb to the houses to see what type of piping is used. EGLE is looking for confirmation that the older homes do not have any lead piping.
 - 2) The State of Michigan will help with funding should lead pipe be found, the Village would have to apply for the funding by January 31, 2022. For older homes that are questionable within the Village the Superintendents will sample a couple older home to investigate.
 - 3) The Council agreed to additional funds to be expensed up to \$2000.00 to verify the line. **Motioned by French, supported by Hafer to spend additional funds up to \$2000.00 to investigate the line. Ayes: Bair, French, Cook, Hafer, Heyn, Misner, Flynn. Nays: None. Motion carried.**
- **Bills List – Misner moves, supported by French to approve payment of the bills for the month of December 2021 in the amount of \$48,318.14 Roll Call: Cook, Hafer, Heyn, Misner, French, Bair, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**
- **Treasurer’s Report – French moves, supported by Hayfer to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion Carried.**

UNFINISHED MATTERS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. CLBA annual dues are requested upon the Village for year 2022. **Heyn moves, supported by French to pay the CLBA annual dues. Ayes: All, Nays: None. Motion Carried.**

SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT REPORT:

- Barber Street leak fixed, Kerby backhoe billing for \$2200 was submitted for this. Unfortunately, this individual still has not paid their water bill, the Village understands that this individual may need some help with payment, however, they have not come forward. Tony will send a note to EGLE for guidance on Water Shut Off policies during COVID.
- Cleaning up remaining leaves and brush
- Got the snowblower on the Tractor
- Big Truck went back for repair
- Pulling meters for Winter residents
- Ranger Bill sale of Generator
- Refinished bench for park

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

County Commissioner Nye – Reports on County business,

- Commissioner Nye reported that County council issued a bulletin regarding the end of letting officials vote by Zoom.
- Broadband letter out to all County residents, urges everyone to fill out, either on-line or by mail.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Written report submitted and will be made part of the Regular December 2021 Minutes.
- Four land use permits were approved
- 2 notices of violations were sent
- Zoning Map changes need to be corrected due to an “Unintentional Change”; Figura recommends to add to the next public hearing.
- Village Fees need to be reviewed

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Heyn moves, supported by French to adjourn meeting at 7:48 p.m. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Maridee Cutler,
Village Clerk

DRAFTED: December 12, 2021

APPROVED: January 3, 2022