

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR JANUARY MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF BENZONIA
Monday, January 3, 2022 @ 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:	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:

Village President, adds items:

- A. New Plow Truck**
- B. Jack O'Malley**

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- **December 6, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes, French moves, supported by Hayfer, to approve the December 6, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Ayes: All, Nays: None, Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Bill Kennis** – Mr. Kennis presented the 2021 Annual Report for the Benzie Bus. Kennis discussed the Federal grant that they were awarded to start a new, personalized health and wellness service, they have also created a reserve fund to handle future building, grounds and vehicle needs, this along with additional funding from the CARES act has put them in great shape financially. They are continuing efforts in obtaining a federal electric bus grant to fund four electric vehicles to add to the fleet.
- **New Plow Truck** – A discussion took place regarding the purchase of a new plow truck. The village is in need of buying a new plow truck the total cost

is \$201,764.00. Grand Traverse Diesel services the 18 counties north of the Grand Rapids area, and the Council was informed by the freight liner dealership in Grand Rapids that they will not quote us a price as the difference would between what Grand Traverse Diesel and themselves would not be significant. Being that they are the only two dealers in Michigan, the council is seeking auditor recommendations regarding this purchase through a single supplier. The council agreed to tentatively approve the purchase of the plow truck contingent upon auditor recommendations. **Cook moves, supported by French to approve the tentative purchase of a new plow truck for \$201,764.00 from Grand Traverse Diesel, contingent upon auditor recommendations. Ayes: French, Heyn, Cook, Hafer, Bair, Flynn. Nays: None. Motion carried. Absent: Misner.**

- **Letter to Jack O'Malley** – President Flynn presented a memo regarding appropriation requests for “earmarked” projects that are considered priority projects for the Village. 1) US 31 corridor street scape 2) New Plow Truck funding.
- **1164 Bailey Street** – Discussion took place regarding a memo sent to 1164 Bailey Street regarding a sofa. Sofa has since been removed.
- **Village Fee Review** – PC/Zoning Administrator, Sara Kirk, presents a new fee structure for the Council review. Discussion took place regarding several of the fees. This Council will continue to review and approve at the next meeting.
- **Bills List** – Heyn moves, supported by French to approve payment of the bills for the month of January 2021 in the amount of \$54,552.90. **Roll Call: Bair, Heyn, French, Cook, Hayfer, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Absent: Misner**
- **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer presented Treasurers report and a Water Turn Off Notice. **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:

- Plowing
- Snow blowing
- Repaired Plow Truck
- Ordered Chlorine
- Cleaned up after storm
- Started operation procedure binder
- Assistant Superintendent Cline passed D-3 Exam
- Received quote for new plow truck
- Replaced light over work bench

- Cottage Pros working on Ice Rink

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

County Commissioner Nye – Reports on County business,

- Kathy Dube from the Maples has retired and introduced Nate Luke as the new Maples Administrator

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Written report submitted and will be made part of the Regular January 2022 Minutes.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Bair moves, supported by French to adjourn meeting at 7:31 p.m. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Maridee Cutler,
Village Clerk

DRAFTED: January 9, 2022

APPROVED: February 7, 2022