

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MARCH MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF BENZONIA
Monday, March 7, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

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.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- February 7, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes, **French moves, supported by Hafer, to approve the February 7, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Ayes: All, Nays: None, Motion Carried.**
- February 12, 2022 Special Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes, **Heyn moves, supported by French, to approve the January 13, 2022 Special Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Ayes: All, Nays: None, Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Charlie Gregory from the Betsie Valley Trail spoke regarding the grant funding for the Betsie Valley Trail. In order to received grant funding, each township along the trail is being asked for a letter of recommendation and a signed resolution to help support the paving of the BVT from Beulah to Thompsonville. **French moves, supported by Hafer, to approve the Resolution to Support the Paving of the Betsie Valley Trail from Beulah to Thompsonville as presented, authorizing the President to sign. Ayes: All, Nays: None, Motion Carried.**

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Fleis & Vandenbrink – 2021 Annual Consumer Confidence Report –** Ken Mlcek Project Manager with Fleis & Vandenbrink presented to the Village Council a work proposal plan to complete Village's 2021 Annual Consumer Confidence Drinking Water Report. After discussion regarding the plan **French moved, supported by Hafer, to approve the proposal from Fleis & Vandenbrink to complete the 2021 Annual Consumer Confidence Report, authorizing the President to sign. Roll Call: Heyn, Cook, Hafer, French, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Absent: Misner & Bair.**
- **Fleis & Vandenbrink – Water System Geographic Information System –** Ken Mlcek Project Manager with Fleis & Vandenbrink presented to the Village Council a proposal of two options to improve the capability of water GIS for the Village. To include field location, GIS mapping, in addition to hardware/software/ and training. After discussion regarding the two options. **French moved, supported by Hafer, to approve option two from Fleis & Vandenbrink to assist the Village in purchasing GPS devices and to help Village staff to perform the field locating of water system assets, authorizing the President to sign. Roll Call: French, Cook, Hafer, Heyn, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Absent: Misner & Bair.**
- **Short Term Rental Ordinance - PC/Zoning Administrator, Sara Kirk,** presented the Short-Term Rental Ordinance draft for recommendation by the council to approve for a public hearing, tentatively scheduled for April 21st before the PC meeting. Sara also discussed the need to include in the motion a correction for the unintended zoning map change. After discussion regarding the new ordinance, **Heyn moves, supported by French, to motion for the public hearing of the proposed Short-Term Rental Ordinance along with correcting the Unintended Zoning Map Change. Ayes: All, Nays: None, Motion Carried.**
- **Bills List – Heyn moves, supported by Hafer to approve payment of the bills for the month of March 2022 in the amount of \$34,615.06. Roll Call: Cook, Hafer, Heyn, French, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Absent: Misner & Bair**
- **Treasurer's Report – Treasurer presented Treasurer's report French moves, supported by Hafer to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion Carried.**

UNFINISHED MATTERS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT REPORT:

- Superintendent Pritchard discusses the loss of water narrowed down to the trailer park.
 - Asks for approval of a Flushing Hydrant, costing \$544.95. This will help read the pressure on the line and will be useful for the Village. **French moves, supported by Hafer to allow the purchase of the Flushing Hydrant in the amount of \$544.95. Roll Call: French, Heyn, Cook, Hafer, Flynn. Nays: None. Motion Carried. Absent: Misner & Bair.**
 - Assistant Superintendent Cline presented the Generator Maintenance Agreement from Cummings Sale & Service. This is a five-year agreement in the amount of \$13,802.69. After discussion regarding the renewal, **French moves, supported by Hafer to allow the President to sign the five year agreement with Cummings Sales & Service for \$13,802.69 . Roll Call: French, Heyn, Cook, Hafer, Flynn. Nays: None. Motion Carried. Absent: Misner & Bair.**

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

County Commissioner Nye – Reports on County business:

- Register of Deeds-Amy Bissel is retiring after 32 years.
- Lisa Peacock is retiring from the NW Council Board
- Benzie-Leelanau Health Department Eric Johnston received recognition for digitizing the counties well/septic records
- EDC is working on with the Shell Station in Honor to open a 24 hr convenience store to the old Bud's location in Honor.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

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

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Maridee Cutler,
Village Clerk

DRAFTED: March 12, 2022

APPROVED: April 4, 2022