

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR APRIL MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF BENZONIA
Monday, April 4, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

PRESIDENT:	Flynn
COUNCIL:	Heyn, Cook, Hafer, French, Bair
CLERK:	Cutler (via zoom)
TREASURER:	Flynn
SUPERINTENDENT:	Pritchard
ASST SUPERINTENDENT:	Cline
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:	Kirk
PUBLIC:	Rhonda Nye, County Commissioner & Kathleen Hibbard
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:

President Flynn added #4) Review of letter from Barb Skurdall. Heyn moves, supported by French, to approve the agenda as amended. Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- **March 7, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes, French moves, supported by Hafer, to approve the March 7, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Ayes: All, Nays: None, Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kathleen Hibbard – Commented 1164 Bailey Street has an ordinance issue regarding a couch.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Update of Personnel Policies – Personnel Committee needs to set a date and time to meet to update.
- Bills List – **French moves, supported by Hafer to approve payment of the bills for the month of March 2022 in the amount of \$50,759.81. Roll Call: Bair, Heyn, French, Cook, Hafer, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Absent: Misner**

- Treasurer's Report – Treasurer presented report, Treasurer asks for the Council approval to pay \$30,000 towards the 91-05 bond loan. **Heyn moves, supported by French to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion Carried.**

French moves supported by Hayfer to approve the additional \$30,000 bond payment on the 91-05 bond. Roll Call: Cook, Hafer, Bair, French, Heyn, Flynn. Nays: None. Motion Carried. Absent: Misner

- Barb Skurdall Letter – Discussion took place regarding the letter and concerns. Original funding did not cover the high bids that were received, the bid was awarded to TC Concrete, materials ended up being more than anticipated, much of the work was subcontracted out. A) Chris and Jake will adjust the fencing down to contain the tennis balls and will create a drainage system to guide the rainwater away. The council also agreed to pay for the nets and striping of the pickleball court if we are able to find reasonable costs.

UNFINISHED MATTERS:

CORRESPONDENCE: Treasurer presented correspondence meeting minutes from the Crystal Lake Business Association, email from Liem Williams who is working on a recycling program and Landmark Dividend who is interested in our tower leases.

SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT REPORT:

- Written report submitted and will be made part of the Regular April 2022 Minutes.
- Also informed council about fire suppression valve at Shop-n-Save that needs to be fixed. Issuing a 30-day notice to be fixed.

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

County Commissioner Nye – Reports on County business:

- Attended public hearings regarding the paving from BVT in Beulah to Thompsonville.
- True North working on contamination issue with the old Bud's site.
- Benzie Summit was very well attended
- Commissioner Nye will present at next Commissioners meeting a use for AARPA Funds regarding a sewer feasibility study.
- New Elementary School on High School Campus was named Homestead Hills.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Written report submitted and will be made part of the Regular April 2022 Minutes.
- 1089 Bailey Street – drew permit
- Sent three violation notices

- RRC update to come at next meeting

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Kathleen Hibbard asked about the status of the AT&T negotiations for the Water Tower. Council refused to negotiate a lower lease, AT & T is paying the agreed upon lease.

NEW BUSINESS: Treasurer reported:

- 6784 Frankfort Hwy – Individual is living at residence without water, DHHS is paying for the water to be turned back on.
- Investigating Truth and Taxation hearing (headlee rollback needs to be reset), suggests that the attorney needs to help.
- Benzie County Road Commission can work on our equipment if needed, \$53/hr for mechanic.
- Need to look into flushing system for new truck

Heyn moves, supported by Bair to adjourn meeting at 7:15 p.m. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Maridee Cutler,
Village Clerk

DRAFTED: April 10, 2022

APPROVED: *May 2, 2022*