

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR JULY MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF BENZONIA
Monday, July 11, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

**Heyn moves, supported by Bair, to approve the agenda as amended. Ayes: All
Nays: None. Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- June 6, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - **Hafer moves, supported by Cook, to approve the June 6, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Ayes: All, Nays: None, Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kathleen Hibbard – Informed the council that she attended the planning meeting, and reported that the Planned Unit Development on Homestead & Marshall has not yet been decided upon.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Discussion regarding letter from Thomas Rohrer took place, Mr. Rohrer would like for the Village to improve Killdale road, Mr. Rohrer reiterated a portion of his letter where he believes that the Village is responsible to improve the road as he believes that the entire road has been accepted. President Flynn read the portion of the minutes which explains that the acceptance of Killdale in the 1998 minutes pertained to using the Right of

Way on Killdale to the South of River St for the purpose of extending a water main South. Which limited the improvement to the quick claim deeds that were part of the motion to extend the water main. Hafer suggests to add culverts to his property at Mr. Rohrer expense. (Mirror what the neighboring property has done).

President Flynn discusses the costs to improve the road and that it is not feasible for the Village to do. Perhaps the Village could allow a Right of Way so that a drive way could be installed at the owner's expense.

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

County Commissioner Nye – Reports on County business:

- Five millages are up for renewal, Jail, Animal Control, School Resource Officer, Emergency Medical Services and a Drug Interdiction Program.
- Land Bank Meeting – Discussion took place regarding the home on River Street. If Homestretch is open to selling the property to the Landbank they will tear the home down and rebuild.
- Joint Water/Sewer Feasibility Study – Wade Trim was selected as the engineering firm. Stay tuned for kick off meeting.
- Bills List – **Heyn moves, supported by Hafer to approve payment of the bills for the month of June 2022 in the amount of \$34,155.73. Roll Call: Bair, Heyn, Cook, Hafer, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Absent, French & Misner.**
- Treasurer's Report – Treasurer presented report. **Heyn moves, supported by Cook to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion Carried.**

UNFINISHED MATTERS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

- MML Liability & Property Pool Renewal Certificate was shared
- Received 2nd payment of ARPA Funds

SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT REPORT:

- Written report submitted and will be made part of the Regular June 2022 Minutes.
- Walker Street has hole in road that needs to be cold patched
- Striping in front of Township Firehall and office needs to be done
- Wasp nests under the brackets at the basketball court needs to be taken care of.
- Superintendent Pritchard asks council for the approval of a new hydrant (#29) to replace non-working one. Needs to get an estimate from Bob Kerby, estimated to about \$12,500. **Hafer moves, supported by Cook to approve the cost of a new Hydrant not to exceed \$12,500. Roll Call: Heyn, Cook, Hafer, Bair, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Written report submitted and will be made part of the Regular June 2022 Minutes.
- Working on funding grant to update the Zoning Ordinance


FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT

- Kathleen Hibbard attended the Planning Commission Township open house, talked about the survey and asked if there could be a place to make comments on all the questions asked.

NEW BUSINESS:

Heyn moves, supported by Bair to adjourn meeting at 7:07 p.m. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,


Marilee Cutler,
Village Clerk

DRAFTED: July 14, 2022

APPROVED: August 1, 2022