

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SEPTEMBER MEETING  
OF THE VILLAGE OF BENZONIA  
Monday October 3, 2022 @6:01p.m.

**PRESENT:**

PRESIDENT: Flynn

COUNCIL: Heyn, Cook, Hafer, French, Bair

CLERK: Absent

TREASURER: Flynn

SUPERINTENDENT: Pritchard

ASST SUPERINTENDENT: Cline

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Kirk

ABSENT: Misner

**PUBLIC:** Rhonda Nye, County Commissioner; Tom Rohrer, Kathleen Hibbard, Christina & Joe Chicchelli, Ken Mlcek

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Regular Meeting of the Benzonia Village Council was called to order a 6:01 by President Flynn

**Attendance taken by Treasurer:** Heyn, French, Hafer, Bair, Cook, Flynn

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Addition of Tom Rohrer Action item #5, **Heyn moves, supported by Hafer, to approve agenda as amended. Ayes: All Nays: None, Motion Carried**

**Approval of Minutes: Motion by French, Supported by Hafer, Ayes all, Nays None. Motion Carried**

**Public Comment:** None

**Action Items:**

1. Academy Park Close out. Discussion with Christina & Joe Chicchelli, council members and Ken Mlcek, conclusion that the Inclusive Whirl is now working as it should. Mlcek will make contact with DNR to conclude the contact and get TC Concrete paid. **Motion by Hafer to close out and pay TC Concrete, supported by French. Roll Call: Cook, Bair, Hafer, French, Heyn, Flynn. Ayes All Nays None. Motion Carried**
2. Group Stop: Request from Benzie Schools to move existing Group Stop from River Street to somewhere on Barber and Traverse. Explanation needs clarification and site map. Subject tabled until further information is presented. Written explanation of

location appears to be Church owned property that is mowed by the village because it is in the ROW. This location may also impede parking. **French motions, supported by Heyn, Ayes: All, Nays, None**

3. Tom Rohrer asks council to put into minutes that he is okay to proceed to put in his driveway to his property on Killdale. **Motion by Hafer supported by Heyn; to put the driveway/road in to specs and culvert and to use right of way and remove trees with permits. Ayes all, Nays None, Motion Carried**

**Correspondence:** Charter Cable Co. informs of increase of \$4.01 monthly service to all customers.

**Bills List-** Hafer move, supported by French to approve bills for the month of September in the amount of \$254,499.49. **Roll Call: Nays, None Motion Carried Absent Misner**

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurer presented the September Treasurers Report. **French Moves, supported by Heyn to accept Treasurers Report as presented: Ayes all, Nays, None.**

### **Superintendent Report**

1. The wells pumped 2mgs in Sept. and 1.6mgs last Sept.
2. We received an email from Great Lakes lab that EGLE did get the results from our PFAS and nitrate tests along with us on 9-19-22 before the Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. The results were negative for both. We had to push them though.
3. We ordered the steel for the back of the salt barn and should be receiving it this Wednesday.
4. Bob Kerby replaced hydrant #29 on River St. Everything went pretty smooth.
5. Notify the residents that hydrant flushing will begin on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. If the weather cooperates.
6. The county was cleaning the ditch out on Traverse Ave. and West St. and found a main valve that wasn't on the map. We replaced the broken top of the valve box and marked it.
7. We are in the process of getting a list of items not on the map and get them to Fleis & Vanderbrink so they can revise the map.
8. We replaced the back door of the shop because it was falling apart.

### **Assistant Superintendent Report**

1. Normal stuff mowing, picking up leaves and brush.
2. Started cutting down low hanging limbs to clear the big truck
3. Got new tires put on the pick ups
4. Replaced light on the back building
5. Replaced wire going to the sand building

**Commissioner Report:** Two parties interested in building housing in Frankfort where water and sewer available. They would be asking for tax relief. Survey results from recent county poll regarding broadband and childcare are in.

**Zoning Administrator Report:** Attached as a separate item to the minutes.

**Final Public Comment:**

Treasurer reports that Steve Adams, Benzonina Fire Department Chief, is requesting permission to close front of Traverse Ave to Fernand Alley from 5-8 on October 31, 2022 for purpose of Trunk or Treat. Also, for use of Village barricades. **Motion to allow by French, Support by Bair, Ayes all. Nays None.**

New Business: None

**Motion by Heyn to adjourn at 7:24 p.m.; supported by Cook. Ayes All, Nays None. Motion Carried**

**Draft submitted by:**

Toni Flynn, Treasurer October 6, 2022

Approved: 11/7/22