

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

PRESENT:

PRESIDENT:	Flynn
COUNCIL:	Heyn, Cook, Hafer, French, Bair
CLERK:	Cutler
TREASURER:	Flynn
SUPERINTENDENT:	Pritchard
ASST SUPERINTENDENT:	Cline
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:	Kirk
PUBLIC:	Rhonda Nye, County Commissioner; Theresa Moss, Kathleen Hibbard, Alexandra Herryman
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:

Addition of the Speed Signs as item #4

Hafer moves, supported by French, to approve the agenda as amended. Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. October 3, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - **French moves, supported by Heyn, to approve the October 3, 2022 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Ayes: All, Nays: None, Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ACTION ITEMS:

2. Council Seat Discussion – Cook and Bair did not file to be re-elected to their positions to the Village council this leaves two vacancies on the council. Alexandra Herryman and Theresa Moss introduced themselves and confirmed their interest in the vacant positions. Misner has been excused for the past three meetings due to sick leave. Discussion took place regarding a decision that need to be made regarding her seat on the council.
3. Bills List – **Hafer moves, supported by French to approve payment of the bills for the month of October 2022 in the amount of \$98,975.51. Roll**

Call: French, Bair, Cook, Hafer, Heyn, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Absent Misner.

4. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer presented the October Treasurers Report. **French moves, supported by Hafer to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion Carried.** Treasurer asks for guidance on a decision to renew the general fund CD for 1.99% for the next six months. **French moves, supported by Hafer to renew the general fund CD at 1.99% for the next six months. Roll Call: French, Bair, Heyn, Cook, Hafer, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Absent: Misner.**
 - Speed Signs – Discussion took place regarding speed signs for the village. French indicated that it would be nice to add the portable flashing lights on the streets where high traffic goes through. Kirk suggested using the Wayfinding plans as a means to work on Gateway signage grants to help with the cost. This will also help create rules for speed limits within the Village. Council will turn this over to the planning commission to help with moving forward on speed sign request.

UNFINISHED MATTERS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Thank you card from Cathy Schulz
- West Benzie Joint Master Planning Letter
- Consumers Power Flyer

SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT REPORT:

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

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

County Commissioner Nye – Reports on County business:

- Health Department – Dan Purell was offered the position of Health Officer
- Public Hearings will take place on the 21st & 28th
- Discussion will take place at the next meeting regarding 24 hr. Road Patrol
- ARPA Funds – Cherry Capital is working on a broadband initiative of 1.5 million, with open access, and fiber tie in for others to use as well
- County website and email going to .gov instead of .net.
- Remember to Vote tomorrow

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Written report submitted and will be made part of the Regular November 2022 Minutes.
- Review of report was given.
- November 17 Planning Commission meeting

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT

- Kathleen Hibbard indicated that she could hear roosters near her home and wondered what the ordinance was for that.
- French commented that we need to come up with ideas for more communications from the council to Village residents. Maybe welcome packets for new members of the Village, additional newsletters.
- Commissioner Nye thanks Bair and Cook for their time served on the council, and inquires about what the process is to fill the vacant two positions.
 1. Discussion took place regarding the council positions and it was determined that after this meeting that we would be down to four council members, and two of those members would need an oath of office before the next scheduled meeting. **French moves, supported by Hafer to appoint Alexandria Herryman to replace the open vacancy of Bair, and Planning Commission liaison between council and planning commission. Roll Call: French, Bair, Heyn, Cook, Hafer, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Absent: Misner.**
 2. **Heyn moves, supported by Cook to appoint Theresa Moss to replace the open vacancy of Cook, and Equipment Chair. Roll Call: Bair, French, Cook, Hafer Heyn, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Absent: Misner**

Cook and Bair thanks the Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

Hafer moves, supported by Cook to adjourn meeting at 7:29 p.m. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maridee Cutler,
Village Clerk

DRAFTED: November 11, 2022

APPROVED: December 5, 2022