

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR APRIL MEETING  
OF THE VILLAGE OF BENZONIA  
Monday, April 3, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

PRESIDENT:	Flynn
COUNCIL:	Hafer, Heyn, French, Herryman, Moss, Myers
CLERK:	Cutler
TREASURER:	Flynn
SUPERINTENDENT:	Pritchard
ASST SUPERINTENDENT:	
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:	Kirk
PUBLIC:	Rhonda Nye, County Commissioner; Kathleen Hibbard
ABSENT:	Heyn

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 Adds 2a) Public Hearing regarding Academy Park 2b) EGLE Funding – Public Hearing 2c) Ballfield Infield. French moves, supported by Hafer, to approve the agenda as amended. Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- March 29, 2023 Park Committee Meeting Minutes - **Hafer moves, supported by Herryman to approve the March 29, 2023 Park Committee Meeting Minutes.**
- March 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - **French moves, supported by Myers, to approve the March 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Ayes: All, Nays: None, Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

- RRC ZBA Bylaws – Brief discussion took place regarding the ZBA Bylaws, a requirement of the RRC to Complete. **Hafer moves, supported by French to approve the Bylaws as presented. Roll Call: Moss, Hafer, Herryman, Myers, French, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Absent: Heyn**

- Ex-Officio member voting language - Kirk explains that this is an item that the Planning Commission will approve.
- Public Hearing Park – Kirk reviews the Spark grant that requires no match funds that the Village could apply for. The may help with the cost of a Ice Rink Insert for the park, along with other tasks for the project list for Academy Park Improvements. Kirk will call a public meeting to discuss, this will also give the Village points for the grant to help support the improvements.
- EGLE Funding Project – A public meeting will be called to review the proposed Water System Improvements Project. Improvements to include approximately 3,000 feet of watermain on River Street, Lake Street, and Burr Street; replacement of approximately 200 water services suspected to contain or previously contain lead components, chemical feed improvements to Well No. 3 and Security improvements at the Water Storage Tank. Project cost estimate to be \$4,050,000. Clerk will work with Ken Mlcek to get the Ad description completed and inserted to the local paper.
- Ballfield Infield – Kirk reviewed the needs to improve the infield at Academy Park so that it can be used as a T-Ball field resource for the community. **French moves, supported by Myers to approved the cost up to \$2,000 for Diamond Dust. Roll Call: Moss, Hafer, Herryman, Meyers, French, Flynn: Nays – None. Motion Carried. Absent: Heyn**
- Bills List – **French moves, supported by Moss to approve payment of the bills for the month of March 2023 in the amount of \$86,237.14. Roll Call: French, Myers, Herryman, Moss, Hafer, Myers. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Absent: Heyn**
- Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer presented Treasurers report. **Hafer moves, supported by Myers to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion Carried.**

UNFINISHED MATTERS:

- On Line Water Fees – Received new contract need to review. Table till next meeting.
- Plow Truck Update – Plow Truck is at dealers, waiting for need parts. Tabled until next meeting.
- Employee Policy – Looking for input on the Employee Policy. Tabled until next meeting.
- Planning Commission Members – Re-run ad

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Clerk reviews correspondence received to include:
  - MML 2022 Dividends received
  - Homestead Master Plan Update
  - Benzie Amateur Radio Letter
  - And Public Hearing Notice from Planning Commission

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

- Written report submitted.

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

County Commissioner Nye – Reports on County business,

- Multiple policies approved
- 24 hr. road patrol moving forward
- AARPA Grant Money disbursement approval for Tower funding in Frankfort, Point Betsie Lighthouse Ribbon, Henry Road Entrance for new elementary school, and Outlet expansion for parking and bathrooms.
- Opioid funding may be used for gap services for drug rehabilitation
- Strategic Plan workshop being conducted for Commissioners regarding Community Development

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:


- Written report submitted and will be made part of the Regular April 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Hibbard questions if the Village has had any interest in the Village Assistant Position. Also, inquired who owns the Park. Church leases the park to the Village, currently a 100 yr. lease.
- Need to add a person to the Finance Committee and Personnel Committee, President asks Council Members to consider each of the positions.

French moves, supported by Myers to adjourn meeting at 7:28 p.m. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Maridee Cutler,  
Village Clerk

DRAFTED: April 8, 2023

APPROVED: May 1, 2023