

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF BENZONIA
Monday, August 7, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

PRESIDENT:	Flynn
COUNCIL:	Hafer, French, Herryman, Moss, Myers, Giatti
CLERK:	Cutler
TREASURER:	Flynn
SUPERINTENDENT:	Pritchard
ASST SUPERINTENDENT:	
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:	Kirk
PUBLIC:	Rhonda Nye, County Commissioner; Kathleen Hibbard
ABSENT:	None

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:

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- July 3, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - **French moves, supported by Moss, to approve the July 3, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Ayes: All, Nays: None, Motion Carried. Absent: Myers**
- July 3, 2023 Special Joint Planning Meeting Minutes - **Hafer moves, supported by Herryman, to approve the July 3, 2023 Special Joint Planning Meeting Minutes as presented. Ayes: All, Nays: None, Motion Carried. Absent: Myers**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nye – Thanks Chris for his work the Village has never looked so nice.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Bills List – **Herryman moves, supported by French to approve payment of the bills for the month of August 2023 in the amount of \$33,754.24. Roll Call: Moss, Hafer, Herryman, French, Giatti, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Absent: Myers**

- Treasurer's Report – Treasurer presented Treasurers report. **Moss moves, supported by Hafer to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ayes: All Nays: None. Motion Carried. Absent: Myers**

UNFINISHED MATTERS:

- Roadway Speed Signs – Treasurer presented information on signs from Seton. Treasurer suggested purchasing two signs, and to take advantage of the 15% discount to be purchased from Major Street Fund. Total Cost of two signs would be \$7175.30. **French moves, supported by Moss, to amend the motion from July and add one more roadway speed sign not to exceed \$7500. Roll Call: French, Herryman, Moss, Hafer, Giatti, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Absent: Myers**
- Washout on Streets – Chris is fixing every time it rains. Need to put some attention on roads with a Capital Improvement Plan. President Flynn suggested using Flies and Vandenbrink for the work on creating a plan. President Flynn will contact Ken Mlcek for a proposal.
- French inquires about the dead maple at 866 Barber Street.

Myers – Joins meeting at 6:35 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Verizon Response Letter – Clerk reviewed the response letter back to Verizon regarding the contract changes/renewal.
- Honor Bank Fee Schedule

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

- Written report submitted.
- Discussion took place regarding working with a new Water Testing Facility – Pritchard will talk to SOS Analytical
- Discussion took place regarding the radios for the wells and that the Well #3 radio was not working, tried using the spare, only worked for a few days, old radio was used to replace the spare and it started working again. Pritchard suggests buying three new radios to replace the ones not working. French moves supported by Hafer to replace the three radios not to exceed \$8,000, from the Water Fund. **Roll Call: Herryman, French, Moss, Hafer, Giatti, Myers, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

- Benzie County foreclosure sale will be 8/25. Includes seven parcels.
- Sheriff shared employment opportunities
- 2.2 mill was safely secured for a safety tower in Frankfort
- Broadband – BC Internet for All will be the recipient of a ROBIN Grant, residents served by this effort will be receiving letters soon.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

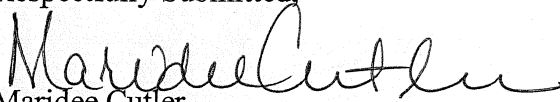
- Written report submitted and will be made part of the Regular August 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Hibbard – Reports information regarding Spec House loans. What is the progress on the Distillery.
- Kirk – Reported that the Knotweed by the post office was cut down, as well as in the Right of Way. Herryman will contact evasive species office and see what we should do.

Giatti moves, supported by Moss to adjourn meeting at 7:09 p.m. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted


Maridee Cutler,
Village Clerk

DRAFTED: August 12, 2023

APPROVED: September 11, 2023