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April 1, 2024
Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE OF BENZONIA
Monday, April 1, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

- PRESIDENT: Flynn
- COUNCIL: Moss, Myers, French, Giatti, Hafer, Herryman
- CLERK: Cutler
- TREASURER: Flynn
- SUPERINTENDENT: Pritchard
- ASST SUPERINTENDENT: Cole
- ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Kirk
- PUBLIC: Rebecca Hubers
- ABSENT: Moss

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:

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- **March 4, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes - French moves, supported by Hafer, to approve the March 4, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Ayes: All, Nays: None, Motion Carried.**
- **March 28, 2024 Special Capital Improvement Meeting Minutes – Herryman corrects Ken Mlek to Mlcek. Hafer moves, supported by French, to approve the March 28, 2024 Special Capital Improvement Meeting Minutes as amended. Ayes: All, Nays: None, Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Rebecca Hubers – 2023 BC Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution –** Hubers presented the purpose of the Benzie County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and the importance of approving a resolution to be part of the Plan. Hubers reviewed the input partners to the plan as well. Plan can be found on the Benzie County site under Emergency Management/2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan. **Hafer moves, supported by Herryman to approve resolution 2024-005 Recommending the Adoption of the 2023 Benzie County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Roll**

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Call: Hafer, Herryman, Myers, French, Giatti, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Absent: Moss.

- Tree Planting Application – Discussion took place regarding the Tree Planting Application. Need to find places to add trees to the Village, decision to pass until next year.
- **Bills List – Herryman moves, supported by Myers to approve payment of the bills for the month of March 2024 in the amount of \$30,422.43. Roll Call: Giatti, Hafer, Herryman, Myers, French, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Absent: Moss.**
- **Treasurers Report – French Moves, supported by Hafer to accept the Treasurers Report as presented. Ayes: All Nays: None: Motion Carried.**
 - Treasurer requests to move remaining funds in the Revenue Bond account of \$13,157.54 to the 98-03 bond account, and then close the revenue bond account as that loan has been paid off. **French moves, supported by Hafer to allow the Treasurer to move funds to 98-03 bond account and close the Revenue Bond account in the amount of \$13,157.54. Roll Call: French, Myers, Herryman, Hafer, Giatti, Flynn. Nays – None Motion Carried. Absent: Moss.**
 - Treasurer reviews the ACH transaction process with the Council and requests to move forward with using the ACH process for Village checks. Cost \$55/month for ACH processing. **Myers moves, supported by French to move forward with ACH processing. Roll Call: Hafer, Giatti, Myers, French, Herryman, Flynn. Nays-None. Motion Carried. Absent: Moss.**
 - Treasurer requests to move the following CD's to the Michigan Class accounts:
 - 3064, 2963 from Water Department \$10k/each
 - 5431, 5423 from Local Streets \$10k/each
 - 5458 from Major Streets \$10,311.75
 - 1665 from General Account \$15,000.41**French moves, supported by Myers to allow the Treasurer to move the CD's amounts to Michigan Class accounts. Roll Call: Herryman, French, Hafer, Giatti, Meyers, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried. Absent: Moss.**
 - Treasurer also reported that the Village received the check for the broken water main from last month.

UNFINISHED MATTERS:

- Spring Newsletter – Herryman and Kirk working on. Still needing information from Cole to finish up letter.
- Review of Mika Meyers MDOT Resolution regarding vacating/decertifying portions of two village streets. Tabled to next meeting.
- Reviewed New Plow Truck payback schedule – Clerk will add schedule for each council meeting, just so that the Council can keep track of the paydown.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

- Written report submitted and will be made part of the Regular April 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- Pritchard requests to purchase a new meter/backflow preventer (RPZ), this fits on the hydrants for the sale of water. Cost of value is \$3,064. **French moves, supported by Hafer to allow the Superintendent to purchase the meter/backflow preventer in the amount of \$3,064. Roll Call: Myers, French, Herryman, Giatti, Hafer, Flynn. Nays: None. Motion Carried. Absent: Moss.**

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

- 911 Open House was nice – expansion is completed and underbudget.
- Board of Commissioners approved a small increase on the ballot for the jail and Benzie Senior Resources.
- Board also approved a small increase in health insurance for employees that includes a mental health component available to employees and family members.
- Adhoc committee has been formed for the millage reset. Committee has 10 days to meeting and state purpose for reset.
- Village of Beulah has been requesting letters to be sent on their behalf to Congress for appropriations to help with the replacement of the sewer/water system.
- Nye is continuing to run for the seat on the Benzie County Commission.
- Treasurer and Clerk for the Township of Benzonia are retiring and will not be running in the next election.

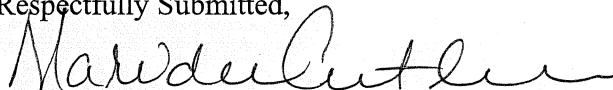
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Written report submitted and will be made part of the Regular April 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Treasurer brings attention to the need for dog trash cans at the park. Cost of trash dispensing units are \$200 each. Council approves. Under \$500 no roll call needed.

Herryman moves, supported by Myers to adjourn meeting at 7:30 p.m. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Maridee Cutler,
Village Clerk

DRAFTED: April 6, 2024

APPROVED: May 6, 2024

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

- Written report submitted and will be made part of the Regular April 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes.
- Requested to purchase a new meter/backup preventer (BSP) for the fire on the highway for the sale of water. Cost of value is \$3,084. French moves application by letter to allow the Superintendent to purchase the meter/backup preventer in the amount of \$3,084. Roll Call: Motion Carried. French, Haysman, Giam, Hater, Hines, Jones, Motion Carried.

COMMISSIONER REPORT:

- 911 Open Hours was tried - expansion is completed and underway.
- Board of Commissioners approved a small increase on the budget for the fall and for Senior Resources.
- Board also approved a small increase in health insurance for employees that includes a mental health component available to employees and family members.
- Ad hoc committee has been formed for the mileage test. Committee has 10 days to meeting and state purpose for test.
- Village of Bonita has been requesting letters to be sent on their behalf to Congress for appropriations to help with the replacement of the sewer/water system.
- Nye is continuing to run for the seat on the Grant County Commission.
- Treasurer and Clerk for the Township of Bonanza are retiring and will not be running in the next election.

YOUNG ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Written report submitted and will be made part of the Regular April 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Treasurer brings attention to the need for dog wash cans at the park. Cost of wash dispensing units are \$200 each. Council approves. Under \$500 no roll call needed.

Haysman moves, supported by Myers to adjourn meeting at 7:30 p.m. Ayes - All. Nays - None. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Village Clerk