

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF BENZONIA
1276 MICHIGAN AVENUE
BENZONIA, MI 49616
MONDAY, August 6, 2018

PRESENT:

PRESIDENT: Flynn
COUNCIL: Heyn, Misner, Bair, French, Rankin, Scholten
CLERK: Nye
TREASURER: Flynn
SUPERINTENDENT: Boman
ASST SUPERINTENDENT: Marshall
ZONING ADMIN: Carland
VISITORS: Lisa Morgan, Arysa Narmore
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.

ATTENDENCE TAKEN BY CLERK

VISITORS: Lisa Morgan and Arysa Narmore – Benzie Friends Resale, received a Blight Violation letter. Shares that van will be moved in a couple days but they would like to know what is permissible to have on sidewalk in front of store; states they are flying the same flags as the Chamber of Commerce yet theirs are not permitted. Trustee Misner states that she had difficulty working with previous owners, bottom line is that racks of clothing and bins filled with items need to be in the store, not on the sidewalk. Moving forward the goal will be a spirit of cooperation and communication.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting Minutes July 2018. **French moves, supported by Heyn, to approve the July 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**

Beulah Village Meeting Notes 08.02.2018. **French moves, supported by Misner, to approve the Beulah Village Meeting Notes 08.02.2018 as presented. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**

MDOT Meeting Notes 07.31.2018. **French moves, supported by Rankin, to approve the MDOT Meeting Notes 07.31.2018 as presented. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**

Summary conversation of both sets of notes. North Street situation with Beulah is concerning. Under no circumstance are we willing to give the Village of Beulah our trailer park water

customers. Answer to question, ‘does Beulah plan on reimbursing what we paid on the North line?’ was no, they indicated they were financially tapped. Answer to question, ‘would it be possible to eliminate the pump at the bottom of the hill and keep the customers we currently serve?’ was yes, top of the hill customers can continue to be served by our water system. If Beulah is permitted to cut and cap the ends of the North line, a new connection to hook up trailer park is problematic as we are not certain how the trailer park water lines run. Consensus to contact Scott Conradson and Dick Figura to express our concerns and find out what our options are moving forward. Another meeting with the Village of Beulah will be necessary. **TABLED TO SEPTEMBER MEETING.**

KEN MLCEK – FLEIS & VANDENBRINK: Distributes water fund cost analysis handouts labeled as follows:

- Benzonia REU Cost
- Operating Budget For First Full Year After Construction
- Bond Schedule
- Present Worth Analysis & Short Lived Depreciaton

Discussion regarding potential projects listed and finance options via grants/bond. Handouts to be made part of the August 2018 Minutes. **French moves, supported by Rankin, to approval Ken Mlcek creating a proposal to move forward with a USDA loan application. Ayes –All. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**

ANNUAL WATER RATE INCREASE: Rate is currently 3.50/1000 gallons of usage. 4% cost of living increase would support a .15 cent increase and would be reasonable. Option exists to forego an increase at this time. Discussion. **French moves, supported by Misner, to forego a water rate increase for six months. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**

CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE:

- Annual maintenance report received for generator.
- Miss Dig has increased our monthly membership fee from \$16.30 to 25.00.
- Subpoena from Legal Services of Northern Michigan regarding a property dispute between Star Southern and Crystal Lake Mobile Home Park. They have been provided with information requested.
- Required verbiage received from Dick Figura pertaining to closed session to discuss pending litigation and ordinance publication.
- Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement received from Charter Communication. Contract needs to be reviewed.
- Information on upcoming Citizen Planner Program Benzie County received. ZA Carland states that the Village Master Plan needs to be updated; a couple Planning Commission members should take this course as well has a couple Council members. Discussion. **French moves, supported by Rankin, to approve payment of Citizen Planner Program for two Planning Commission members and two Council/Administrative members. Ayes – Heyn, Misner, French, Rankin, Bair, Scholten, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

BILLS LIST:

Heyn moves, supported by French, to approve payment of bills for the month of August in the amount of \$21,210.20. Ayes – Heyn, Misner, Rankin, French, Bair, Scholten, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

French moves, supported by Rankin, to accept the Treasurer's Report through August 6, 2018, as presented. Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

- Been mowing grass
- Read meters
- Changing meters not working
- Got new mower
- Fixed washouts
- White truck needs new brain - \$900.00. **Rankin moves, supported by Heyn, to authorize needed repair on white truck. Ayes – Heyn, Misner, French, Rankin, Bair, Scholten, Flynn. Nays – None. Motion Carried.**
- Well #1 working now still needs fuse parts
- Dealing with Beulah on North Street stuff

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Signing up for next water license next month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Planning Commission Update: Issues have been addressed and resolved.
- Traci Cruz is no longer employed by Dick Figura. To date, she is not responding to any attempts to reach her by the Clerk or Dick Figura. Cruz has been paid \$500.00 for transcription work; we have not received any completed documents. We are hoping she is okay. **TABLED TO SEPTEMBER MEETING.**
- John Collier property has improved; matter considered resolved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Trustee Misner reports that one of her neighbors has had his water bill quadruple, wondering if matter has been addressed. Superintendent states that he has been checking – dial wasn't moving. Homeowner needs to look for running toilet or leaking hose.
- Treasurer reports that there are three uninhabitable houses within the Village:
 - 7440 River Street
 - 1416 Michigan Ave
 - 1141 Michigan Ave

Different agencies will be contacted to find out what the process and our recourse is to have them dealt with; all three essentially need to be demolished.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: Discussed.

STREETS: Resident had concerns regarding big trucks on Traverse Ave. Ken Mlcek states that it isn't something we should be concerned about.

PARKS: Waiting for grant award.

WATER: Addressed.

EQUIPMENT: Addressed.

PLANNING COMMISSION & ZONING:

- To date, 13 permits issued.
- McDonald's is getting a facelift.
- Lots of fence permits this summer.
- Betsy Neiger indicated that she has a lot of Village and Planning Commission material at her home.

OTHER BUSINESS: Need to check on status of signs being made. **TABLED TO SEPTEMBER MEETING.**

French moves, supported by Scholten, to adjourn meeting at 7:45 p.m. Ayes –All. Nays – None. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda Nye
Village Clerk

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