

**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 17, 2015**  
412 Main St. - City Hall  
Frankfort, Michigan 49635 (231) 352-7117

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Johnson at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call -**

Present: Condon, Holwerda, Johnson, Luedtke, Walenta      Absent: None  
Also Present: Department Heads–Kidder, Mills, Lozowski

**Request to Appear Before Council**

None

**Public Input**

None

**Correspondence**

Margaret Kibler – Thank you to Chris Smith  
Village of Benzonia – Thank you/donation for Christmas lights  
Charter – Change in channel lineup and tier charge

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Walenta to approve regular minutes of 01/20/2015 as presented.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None  
Motion      CARRIED

**Approval of Bills**

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Walenta to approve prepaid vouchers #46080-46097 & 46099 - 46126 in the amount of \$74,413.43 of which \$36,736.84 was paid in tax disbursements. Payroll vouchers #28833-28908 in the amount of \$35,331.01.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None  
Motion      CARRIED

Motion by Condon, seconded by Walenta approving voucher #46098 in the amount of \$150,000.00 to Luedtke Engineering for the Emergency Dredge Project.

RC: Yeas: All  
ABSTAIN: Luedtke

Nays: None  
Motion      CARRIED

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Walenta approving monthly Vouchers #46127-46157 in the amount of \$14,147.24 as presented.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None  
Motion CARRIED

### **Committee Reports**

#### ***a) Personnel/Public Safety***

Nothing to report

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#### ***b) Finance***

The next finance committee meeting will be March 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

#### ***c) Water/Sewer & Solid Waste***

No Meeting.

#### ***Recreation Board***

No meeting.

#### ***e) Fire Advisory***

Mills wants to schedule a meeting in March.

#### ***f) Planning Commission***

Nothing reported.

#### ***g) Airport Authority***

Nothing reported.

#### ***h) Grants***

Nothing reported.

#### ***i) BLUA***

Nothing reported.

#### ***j) Brownfield Redevelopment***

No meeting.

#### ***k) Marina Authority***

Nothing reported.

#### ***l) Tree Board***

Nothing reported.

#### ***m) Downtown Development Authority***

Nothing to report.

***n) Commissioner's Report***

Commissioner Griner has been working on the County Prosperity Plan. He will also be in attendance for the Benzie Winterfest this Saturday working with the Commission on Aging to get the word out on what is available for senior citizens. Griner is also working to get scholarships out through TBA for machine shop training. There is a need for skilled trade in our area. Griner attended a meeting in Traverse City regarding a train system that could run from Traverse City to Ann Arbor. He is also looking at the cruise ship industry and having a cross lake high speed ferry. He will be traveling to Washington DC tomorrow to speak with transportation authorities about making this work.

Condon asked if the rumors about the sheriff's department taking over 911 dispatch and emergency management had any validation. Griner stated he would keep us abreast if he hears anything coming before the commissioners.

**Departmental Reports**

***Instead of each department head going over their report Mayor Johnson asked the council if they had any questions regarding any of the department head reports.***

***Clerk/Treasurer*** – No questions for the Clerk/Treasurer.

***Superintendent*** – Mills gave the recap of the fire and EMS calls for the year. Stated there was run water notices for select residents and businesses in town. Holwerda questioned the mobile mats for the beaches. Condon was glad to see that we received grants from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians for the fire department and to help in constructing a skate park.

***Chief of Police*** – No questions for the Chief of Police.

**Old Business**

***None***

**New Business**

***A) Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan - Kidder***

Motion by Luedtke, seconded by Walenta to approve the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan for Benzie County as presented and have the Mayor and City Clerk sign adoption resolution.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None  
Motion CARRIED

**B) Committee Appointment - Mills**

Motion by Mayor Johnson (no second required) to appoint Tim Bannister to the Downtown Development Authority to finish the term left vacant by Barbara Powell. Term to expire on August 20, 2017.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None  
Motion CARRIED

**C) Budget Amendments - Holwerda**

Motion by Luedtke, seconded by Walenta to approve the budget amendments as presented.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None  
Motion CARRIED

**D) Vendor Policy - Mills**

Council would like to table this item for now to get a little more detail on how many permits can be issued at one time and how many times can the vendors get the permits. They would like to see limits as to how many are allowed in the parks and beach at a time.

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Condon to TABLE the Vendor Policy revisions until more information is available and presented to council.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None  
Motion CARRIED

**E) Bonfire at 7<sup>th</sup> Street Beach - Mills**

Motion by Luedtke, seconded by Condon to allow organizers of the Mitch Stevenson Memorial Fishing Tournament to have a bonfire on 7<sup>th</sup> Street Beach in lieu of fire pits. If approved, organizers shall procure an MDNR Burn Permit and immediately remove all ash and/or unburned natural wood material. If any portion of the ground requires restoration in the spring, the event organizers shall perform any and all necessary restoration to the site upon a date that weather permits. Mills will make sure the fire department is aware of the event and agreement that the organizers have about removal of ash and wood materials.

RC: Yeas: All  
Absent: Johnson

Nays: None  
Motion CARRIED

***F) “Bayou on the Bay” Grow Benzie Special Event – August 29, 2015 – Mills***

Josh Stoltz -137 George St. – Is asking to have a fundraiser for Grow Benzie that would be a blues and zydeco picnic festival. Stolz has overseen the Solstice Festival, Dunegrass and Blues festivals. This blues and zydeco theme would bring Louisiana to Benzie County with things like a fish boil, fish gumbo, a dance party for the youth in a tent with headphones to keep noise levels down. Stoltz would like to utilize the open space and Mineral Springs Park. Parking for the fisherman might be an issue.

Motion by Holwerda, seconded by Condon to approve the special event “Bayou on the Bay” with conditions making sure that the logistics are established for the event that cover parking for fisherman and other aspects of the festival.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None  
Motion CARRIED

***G) Brick Paver Fundraiser – Cannon Park – Mills***

Motion by Luedtke, seconded by Condon to proceed with a brick paver fundraising plan for Cannon Park.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None  
Motion CARRIED

**PUBLIC INPUT –**

Roger Griner – Would like to express his approval for Josh Stoltz heading up the Bayou on the Bay festival. Griner stated that Josh Stoltz will do it right and make sure it happens.

***H) Grievance #15-4 – Johnson/Holwerda***

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Condon to go into closed session pursuant to section 8 (c ) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss POAM Grievance #15-4 as it pertains to the POAM collective bargaining agreement at 7:45 p.m.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None  
Motion CARRIED

**Closed Session**

**Returned to open session at 7:49**

**Adjournment**

Motion by Condon, seconded by Luedtke to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

RC: Yeas: All

Nays: None  
Motion CARRIED

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Robert J. Johnson, Mayor

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Kimberly K. Kidder, Clerk/Treasurer