

Village of Byron
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by President Rauch

President led Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – Present: Brunell, Cole, Franks, Musall, Prestonise, Rauch, Root. Absent: None.

Root moved, Cole seconded to approve the Agenda as presented with one correction under DPW Committee absent roll call vote. Noted. All Ayes. Carried.

Root moved, Cole seconded to approve the RM Minutes of 9-10-12. All Ayes. Carried.

Treasurer Report – Total CD \$300,000; Total Checking \$595,489.82; Total Saving \$335,486.74; with Total Funds \$1,230,976.56. Accepted as presented pending audit.

Root moved, Cole seconded to pay the bills as presented totaling \$20,661.37; checks # 22448 – 22489 & EFT 10. Roll Call – Ayes: Brunell, Cole, Franks, Musall, Prestonise, Rauch, Root. 7-0 Approved.

New Business

School Millage – Tricia Murphy-Alderman presented information on the upcoming election November 6th for Byron Area Schools as it relates to levy continuation of 18 mills of non-homestead property. She emphasized it will not impact homeowner property taxes.

Election Update – Clerk outlined upcoming election and explained how Trustee terms will be affected.

EVIP Report – Treasurer verified funding report deadline met with State of Michigan. Report to be posted on Byron.org website. Expressed need to begin working on a consolidation plan to submit to the State by February 1, 2013 to meet next eligibility requirement.

Byron Recycling Letter – President read unsigned complaint letter regarding weeds, tires and outside storage. President addressed issues with owner and deemed issues resolved.

Fluoridation Letter – Residents at 205 Lehring requested Village cease use of Sodium Fluoride in water supply. Verified with DWP Supervisor and provided Ordinance 51.14 showing Village prohibits addition of fluoride to water supplied to the public. Council requested response letter be sent.

Presentations – Chief Sampey reported on incident involving a missing person, recognizing teamwork on several levels including Sheriff Braidwood, Lieutenant Barb Paine, Dispatchers Angie Eastman, Samantha Bandy and Kristen Drake and Road Patrol Sgt. Jason Jenkins. He also thanked the countless others who shared information on Facebook to help solve this case.

Sheriff Braidwood spoke briefly to acknowledge efforts of those involved in fielding the large volume of calls to the Department. He also noted the ongoing fire investigation is moving in a positive direction and feels it is solvable.

Fire Discussion

President thanked all residents for support given to Emergency Personnel, Business Owners and Staff during downtown fire by showcasing the unsolicited generosity within the Byron community. He praised leadership of Burns Township Fire Chief Rick Musall and Byron Police Chief Tim Sampey.

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DPW Supervisor Mike Granger was recognized for his role in making sure firefighters had ample supply of water to fight the fire. Byron Area Schools Food Service Staff and the PTA were thanked for providing food and beverages to emergency personnel.

Fire Chief Musall thanked the eleven Fire Departments who provided mutual aid. They included Howell, Argentine, Gaines, Mundy, Swartz Creek, Corunna, Vernon, Shiawassee, Perry, Durand and Venice. Acknowledgment also went out to Shiawassee County Central Dispatch, Red Cross, Road Commission, Home Depot and to the many families and individuals of the area that helped out.

Also, Shiawassee County Fire Coordinators and Emergency Management Personnel, Shiawassee County Sheriff Deputies and Detectives, Michigan State Police Fire Investigators, Consumer's Energy and 1800Boardup in addition to Argentine Supervisor Bob Cole.

Several local businesses were also thanked, including Fairway Discount, Backroads Party Store, Matador's Pizza, Valero Gas Station, Chase Bank, Blackmore-Rowe Insurance and Coffield Oil.

David McDade offered to donate services as licensed architect. Resident Ron Keith suggested help may be available due to historical nature of buildings. Superintendent Murphy-Alderman noted Jeff Bennett offered architectural service support. John McCauley spoke on preserving historic essence of Byron.

Committee Reports

DPW – Noted phosphorus was 1.7 during testing. Requested Council revisit NuSystems contract after November testing. Permission given to purchase work clothes for winter.

Police - Report read by Chief Sampey. Accepted as presented. Discussion of possible new hire or creation of Police Reserve Program. He will meet with Committee and report back to Council.

Cemetery – Noted fence repair completed. Mowing contract is done for year.

Water/Sewer – Fire was strain on system, but held up well under circumstances.

Finance – None

Streets – None

Zoning – Cancelled 10/22 meeting due to lack of agenda. Requested owner update on Valero project.

Call to Audience - Tom Dignan spoke regarding campaign for Probate Judge. Wanda Coleman was thanked for efforts to supply Ambulance, Fire and Police Departments with stuffed animals collected.

Council Comments – None

Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.