

Village of Byron
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by President Musall

President led Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – Present: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Miller, Musall. Absent: None. 2 Seats Vacant
Cole moved, Brunell seconded to approve the agenda as amended. All Ayes. Carried

Cole moved, Bessenbacher seconded to approve the minutes of RM 11-11-13. All Ayes. Carried

Treasurers Report – Treasurer read funds by line summary; total CD \$303,320.81; total Checking \$592,406.99 total Savings \$336,243.09; with Total Funds \$1,231,970.89. Report to stand pending audit.

Cole moved, Bessenbacher seconded to pay the bills as presented totaling \$123,833.92; checks #23127 – 23185 & EFT 24. Roll Call – Ayes: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Miller, Musall. Nays: None. 2 Seats Vacant. 5-0 Passed

Unfinished Business

Web Page – IT Right has supplied information on cost to design and train on web page use at a cost of \$500/year. Able to support water/sewer link, tax link, state dash board requirements and email. Moved by Brunell, seconded by Bessenbacher to contract with IT Right for web based support at a cost of \$500 per year effective January 1, 2014. Roll Call – Ayes: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Miller, Musall. Nays: None. 2 Seats Vacant. 5-0 Passed

DPW – Report accepted as presented. Granger updated progress on lift station and pending tree removal. Consolidation of services working well with Bancroft.

Police – Report accepted as presented. Chief Sampey reported wheel bearing repaired, needs ABS sensor. Santa Parade worked out very well. 2014 is Byron's 190th celebration, asked for committee to be formed to plan events.

New Business

Downtown Buildings – Requested cost estimates from Fisher & Ayotte to take down buildings. State wanted information before making any decision on grant request. Attorney watching Janelle's litigation. Discussion on cost to remove buildings verses cost for matching funds needed if grants received and time it will take to move forward. We are under cost with billing for consultant services work.

Police Vehicle Tires – Miller moved, Cole seconded to purchase tires for police vehicle with MiDeal pricing of \$445. Roll Call – Ayes: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Miller, Musall. Nays: None. 2 Seats Vacant. 5-0 Passed

P/T DPW – Discussion on establishing job description and outline of work areas to assist DPW. Will meet in committee to provide framework and present to council prior to setting budget.

Christmas Banner – The Rock Church has requested permission to place a banner on the corner of Maple and Saginaw to advertise their 12-24-13 service and to distribute fliers in town. Brunell moved, Bessenbacher seconded to allow with banner being removed as soon after service is completed, with a sample of the flier presented and personal contact information provided to village. All Ayes. Carried

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Budget Workshop – Date set for 12-19-13 @ 6:30pm at Municipal Building.

Event Permit – Burns Township Fire Department requested permission to collect for Old Newsboys on 12-13-13 starting 9am to dusk at corner of Maple and Saginaw. Brunell moved, Cole seconded to approve permit. All Ayes. Carried

Food Truck – Discussion on registering owner for purposes of providing contact and safety to residents.

DDA Checking Account – Now that DDA is established, signers for the bank account need to be approved by council. Account will rest under Village Tax ID, but will be a separate fund balance and will require a separate bank account. Brunell moved, Miller seconded to approve establishing bank account for DDA with two signers on account transactions. Authorized Signatories are Robert Vandemark, Beverly Miller, Shirley Riley and James Crain. Roll Call – Ayes: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Miller, Musall. Nays: None 2 Seats Vacant. 5-0 Passed

Committee Reports

Cemetery – BS&A software discussed. Ron Liex has provided spreadsheet received by Treasurer. 2,513 lots registered as of 2003. An additional 100 lots have been registered through 2013. Treasurer will work with BS&A and once initial set up is complete, training will be announced.

DDA – If funding to be pursued with State, will need to establish Brownfield designation prior to demo.

Planning – Conflict with DDA meeting. Clerk to repost DDA meeting to School Library. Beverly Miller donated calendar for village to post in municipal building for notation of meetings to prevent conflict in future. Planning Committee meetings are bi-monthly on 3rd Wednesday effective 1-1-14.

Council Comments

Christmas Parade and celebration well attended. Thanked Beverly Miller and volunteers for a job well done. Water rate work study on 1-7-14 at 3:30 and 5:30pm., changes will require update to Ordinance. MML has many workshop sessions available if council or employees wish to attend, notify Treasurer or Clerk to register. With 190th celebration would like to have two council members on committee, let President know if interested.

Public Comments

With recent copper thefts, be watchful at cemetery for suspicious activity. Beverly Miller thanked Village Council, Police, DPW and Burns Twp. Fire Dept. for their efforts in supporting the Christmas celebration in the village. Well over 250 people attended activities. Over 300 luminaries were lit around town adding to the festive atmosphere. Several groups and organizations held activities/events enhancing the holiday experience. Tony Prestonise noted no code enforcement report this month, asked for letter of thanks be sent to Eric Middleton for lot clean up.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm