

Village of Byron
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2013

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

President led Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – Present: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Musall. Absent: Root. Vacant seats: 2

Cole moved, Bessenbacher seconded to approve the agenda with addition of item I., Robinson's Tree Service, under New Business. All Ayes. Carried

Bessenbacher moved, Cole seconded to approve the RM minutes of 1-14-13. All Ayes. Carried

Treasurers Report – Total CD \$300,000; Total Checking \$654,306.14; Total Saving \$335,716.19; with Total Funds \$1,290,022.33. Riley explained expense line for ACT 495 funds. Accepted as presented pending audit.

Cole moved, Brunell seconded to pay the bills as presented totaling \$19,270.50; checks # 22640 – 22679 + EFT 14. Roll Call – Ayes: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Musall. Absent: Root. 2 Vacant. 4-0 Passed

DPW Report – Report accepted as presented. Granger noted lift station bids could be less and still meet DEQ compliance. Phosphorus work to begin by 5/1/13 and completed by 5/1/15.

Police Report – Report accepted as presented. Chief Sampey introduced officers present, including Brian Wilburn, Brandon Miller, Bill Eller, Rich Crooks, and newly hired Lex Crooks. Chief to give drug presentation program for Byron Schools. Meeting Friday to look at updating ordinances. Updated Council on Special Olympics fund raising activities, including Polar Plunge events. Convention was productive/informative.

New Business

Cemetery Bid Opening – President Musall opened two bids received. Smithwoods Enterprises \$9,600 and Harris Enterprises \$9,150, with both representatives in attendance. Bids will be reviewed and awarded at the March 11, 2013 meeting.

Resignation of Trustee – President Musall read notice of resignation from Jeremy Root, who has moved from the Village and is no longer eligible to serve as Trustee. Musall moved, Brunell seconded to accept the resignation of Jeremy Root as Trustee and declare seat as vacant. Roll Call – Ayes: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Musall. Absent: Root. 2 Vacant. 4-0 Passed

Appointment of New Trustee – Musall moved, Brunell seconded to appoint Hugh Miller to the vacant Trustee seat. Roll Call – Ayes: Brunell, Musall. Nays: Bessenbacher, Cole. 3 Vacant. 2-2 Motion Failed. Discussion. Tabled

Reduction of Trustees – Tabled

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Vacant Property Resolution – Brunell moved, Bessenbacher seconded to adopt resolution as read by President Musall authorizing Village of Byron to purchase parcel 78-016-60-015-001 from Michigan Land Bank for \$100. Roll Call – Ayes: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Musall. Nays: None. 3 seats Vacant. 4-0 Passed

Ownership Transfer Resolution – Brunell moved, Bessenbacher seconded to adopt resolution as read by Brunell authorizing Village of Byron to purchase parcel 78-016-60-015-003 by paying delinquent taxes not to exceed \$1,400. Roll Call – Ayes: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Musall. Nays: None. 3 seats Vacant. 4-0 Passed

Act 51 Street Designation – Brunell moved, Cole seconded to adopt resolution as read by Clerk designating Rick Musall as Street Administrator. Roll Call – Ayes: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Musall. Nays: None. 3 Seats Vacant. 4-0 Passed

Budget Discussion – Treasurer Riley presented an initial 2013-2014 budget reading to Council. Explained revenues and expenses by Fund. Asked input be directed to her soon so a final budget can be prepared for adoption at a Public Hearing set for 2-23-13 at 10:30am.

Robinson's Tree Service – Musall moved, Brunell seconded to allow Robinson's Tree Service to work in the Byron Village pruning and removing dead trees with the guidance of DPW Supervisor Granger at a cost not to exceed \$2,000. Roll Call – Ayes: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Musall. Nays: None. 3 seats Vacant. 4-0. Passed

Committee Reports

Zoning/Planning – Brunell reported no quorum was present for past meeting. New meeting schedule will be bi-monthly beginning March 2013 on the third Wednesday at 7pm. Zoning inspector was discussed with fee schedule and code enforcement.

Council Comments

Cole spoke regarding call from Willi Gutman on how to navigate river through Byron. Clerk to follow up.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.