

Village of Byron
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2013

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

President led Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – Present: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Musall. Absent: Miller. 2 Seats Vacant

Bessenbacher moved, Cole seconded to approve the agenda as presented. All Ayes. Carried

Cole moved, Bessenbacher seconded to approve the minutes of 9-16-13. All Ayes. Carried

Treasurers Report – Treasurer read funds by line summary; total CD \$303,320.81; total Checking \$683,366.52; total Savings \$336,160.85; with Total Funds \$1,322,848.18. Report to stand pending audit.

Cole moved, Bessenbacher seconded to pay the bills as presented totaling \$15,588.04; checks #23043 – 23082 & EFT 22. Roll Call – Ayes: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Musall. Absent: Miller. Nays: None. 2 Seats Vacant. 4-0 Passed

Unfinished Business

FEMA – Readings for elevation along Silver Lake Road have been done but they have not been provided to the Village yet. Discussion on FEMA flood plain and our participation in the program.

DPW – Report accepted as presented. Update on lift station work. Health insurance discussion.

Police – Report accepted as presented. Chief noted car show went well, need to change protocol and venue location on raffle event to prevent repeat car fire incident. Will require Fire Department on site. Provided update on equipment server grant for police vehicle which covers entire installation with upgrades, saving the Village \$850.00. Halloween hours established. Brunell moved, Cole seconded to allow trick-or-treating in the Village on October 31st from 6-8pm. All Ayes. Carried

New Business

School Bond – Byron Superintendent Tricia Murphy Alderman presented information regarding the upcoming bond proposal and answered questions from those in attendance. She thanked Chief Sampey for a successful walk to school event.

Tri-County Wireless – Presented information on wireless high speed internet and explained how system would work. Issue with water tower access due to hornet nests and lack of available metered power. Would need Consumers Power permission to access additional power at specific utility poles to operate system. If approved, system could be completed within four months.

Police – MACP Mid-Winter Conference – Musall moved, Brunell seconded to approve Chief Sampey to attend conference in Grand Rapids from 2-5-14 through 2-7-14 at a cost of \$255.00. Roll Call – Ayes: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole Musall. Absent: Miller. Nays: None. 2 Seats Vacant. 4-0 Passed.

MML Training – Musall moved, Bessenbacher seconded to approve Kit Brunell to attend MML sponsored training seminar in Ann Arbor on 12-10-13 at a cost of \$75.00. Roll Call – Ayes: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Musall. Absent: Miller. Nays: None. 2 Seats Vacant 4-0. Passed

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DDA Board Member Nominations – Brunell moved, Cole seconded to accept DDA Board Member nominations from President Musall to include Vicki Murphy, Julie Bowers, Rob Vandemark, Beverly Miller, Mike Rauch, Kit Brunell and Trisha Murphy Alderman. All Ayes. Carried

Planning Committee Appointments – Brunell moved, Bessenbacher seconded to approve extension of all Planning Commission members for one year beginning January 1 through December 31, 2014. All Ayes. Carried

Metro Line Agreement – Bessenbacher moved, Cole seconded to extend the Metro Act Right of Way for AT&T for a term to end December 31, 2018. Roll Call – Ayes: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Musall. Absent: Miller. Nays: None. 2 Seats Vacant 4-0 Passed

Backhoe Financing – Cole moved, Brunell seconded to borrow \$37,000 from the Village Water Fund with the unpaid balance bearing interest at 3% annually and payments in a minimum amount of \$1,591 per month paid to the Water Fund until all principal and interest is paid in full; total purchase cost is \$75,089 less \$8,000 trade in with an initial payment of \$38,089 from Equipment Reserve Fund. Roll Call – Ayes: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Musall. Absent: Miller. Nays: None. 2 Seats Vacant. 4-0 Passed

Committee Reports

Cemetery – Discussed importance of long term planning for cemetery records and possible options.

Planning – Report accepted by Bob Delaney. Brunell explained Governor’s Council of Physical Fitness, Health and Sports Honorable Mention and presented award to Council, will make copies of data report. Discussed food truck, code enforcement and licensing requirements to operate in Village. Watershed conference 10-17-13.

Council Comments

Musall on need to set workshops for budget, water, and sewer rates. Workshop date established for October 26, 2013 @ 9:30am.

Public Comments

Spicer representative went on residential property without permission, determined to be error in address location of owner who did give permission. President apologized for error. Concern with web page for Village being outdated. Will research and find out intentions of current web master before making any decision.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.