

**Village of Byron**  
**Regular Council Meeting Minutes**  
**May 12, 2014**

Meeting called order at 7:00 p.m. by President Musall  
President let Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call - Present: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Miller, Musall. Two seats vacant.

Others Present – Shirley Riley, Pam Ebner, Matt Misner, Mike Granger, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McLaren, George Stevenson, Vicki Murphy, Tony Prestonise

Approval of Agenda – Cole moved, Brunell seconded to approve the agenda.

Voice Vote – All Ayes. Carried.

Approval of Minutes – Cole moved, Bessenbacher seconded to approve the April 14, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes and the May 8 Special Meeting minutes.

Voice Vote – All Ayes. Carried.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer read funds by line summary: total Chemical Bank CD \$307,860.53; total DDA Chase checking \$18,891.75; total General Chase Checking \$600,376.17; Sewer Cash – Savings \$211,287.42; total Savings – Chase \$211,287.42; TOTAL ALL FUNDS \$1,138,415.87.

Approval of April 2014 Expenditures – Cole moved, Miller seconded to approve April 2014 expenditures including checks: 23380 - 23425 and EFT 29 totaling \$19,893.02.

Roll Call – Ayes: Brunell, Bessenbacher, Cole, Miller, Musall. Nays – 0. Two Seats Vacant. Passed 5-0.

Unfinished Business

- A. Community “Clean-Up Day” – President Musall suggested, and Council members agreed, to continue planning a “Clean-Up Day” for this coming fall or next spring. He noted this would give more time to advertise and organize the event..
- B. 190<sup>th</sup> Update – Kit Brunell reported that at the last meeting they reviewed a schedule of activities. Activities are planned for July 11, 12 and 13, 2014. They will be selling T-shirts and Janet Cole reported a historical book is being compiled (mostly pictures) that will be for sale. Also, the Municipal Building will be used as a “Museum”. They also reported one of the activities planned is a cemetery walk They will bring a schedule of the events to the next Council meeting.
- C. Election Updates
  - August 5, 2014 Primary Election – Trustee Reduction Proposal
  - November 4, 2014 General Election
    - Council Candidate Petitions due July 22, 2014
    - Terms due to expire: Rick Musall, Hugh Miller

Discussion: Clerk/Treasurer will clarify questions regarding lengths of terms and number of openings with County Clerk's Offices. Also noted that notification to public will be published regarding positions and terms.

DPW Report

Mike Granger distributed and reviewed his monthly report. Matt Misner, DPW/Cemetery part-time employee, was introduced to the Council members.

## Police Report

Chief Sampey was unable to attend the meeting as he was participating in the "Police Unity Mike Tour" a biking tour.

## New Business

*Demolition Bid* – Moved by Brunell, seconded by Bessenbacher that the Council award the bid for demolition of the remnants of Black 15 (102, 106 and 108-110 South Saginaw, Byron, MI) to Perrin Construction Company, Inc. in the total amount of \$58,900.00.

Roll Call – Ayes: Cole, Miller, Musall, Bessenbacher, Brunell. Nays – 0. Two Seats Vacant. Passed 5-0.

*2014 Tax Rate Millage Request* - Moved by Miller, seconded by Brunell that the Council approve the requested tax rate millage for 2014 and allow for all delinquent water/sewer amounts to be turned over to Shiawassee County and added to the summer tax rolls.

Roll Call – Ayes: Miller, Musall, Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole. Nays – 0. Two Seats Vacant. Passed 5-0.

*Magnet Program Participation Letter* – Moved by Miller, supported by Bessenbacher that that Council disapprove participation in the MAGENT program at a cost of \$581.00 for 2014.

Voice Vote – All Ayes. Carried.

*Michigan Municipal League (MML) Membership Dues* – Moved by Bessenbacher, supported by Cole that the Council approve the MML membership dues for 2014-15 in the amount of \$617.00.

Roll Call – Ayes: Musall, Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Miller. Nays – 0. Two Seats Vacant. Passed 5-0.

*EVIP (Economic Vitality Incentive Program) Category 3: Unfunded Accrued Liability Plan* – Moved by Miller, supported by Cole that the Council approve the submission of the EVIP Category 3: Unfunded Accrued Liability Plan.

Voice Vote – All Ayes. Carried.

## Committee Reports

*Cemetery* – Vicki Bessenbacher noted she will contact the company that gave the Village a quote for the removal of the down tree in the cemetery to make sure that it is removed before Memorial Day. If they are unable to do so, the Council requested that the DPW at least get it cut up by Memorial Day.

*DDA* – Minutes of the 4/10/14 meeting were enclosed in Board members agendas. Shirley Riley reported that the DDA met last week. The June meeting has been changed to May 29, 2014. They are planning two "Sharrette Designs" – streetscapes. One will be for a Saturday morning in June and one in July.

*Planning* – Kit Brunell noted there would not be a Planning Committee meeting this month. She also reported to zoning violation letters were sent last week. The Village have heard from both parties and it is now in the Police Department's hands to follow up.

## Council Comments

### Information Items:

1. Kit Brunell reported on the Honorable Mention/Special Tribute for Promoting Active Community which the Village received.

2. Utility bill payment scam information was distributed.

*Village of Byron Personnel Policy Handbook* – Hugh Miller noted he had spoken with President Musall regarding his concerns with Village of Byron Personnel Policy Handbook in two areas. Following that conversation the attorney was contacted and he is now reviewing the handbook.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Bessenbacher to table the Personnel Policy Handbook discussion until a response has been received from the village attorney.

Voice Vote – All Ayes. Carried.

#### Public Comment

- Commissioner McLaren reported that the Shiawassee County Board of Commissioners, at their last meeting, approved the Headlee Override wording (asking voters to return Head lee) that will be on the August ballot. Also, wording was approved for the Shiawassee County Council on Aging for the August ballot.
- George Stevenson, candidate for 35<sup>th</sup> circuit Court Judge, introduced himself to the Council and audience.
- President Musall noted that he was asking Council members and audience members to spread that word that once the demolition starts we need to keep the area as clear as possible (i.e., no parties).
- Tony Prestonise voiced his concern regarding the Personnel Policy Handbook.

#### Adjournment

President Musall adjourned at the meeting at 8:10 p.m.