

Village of Byron
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2014

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

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

Others Present – Shirley Riley, Jim Crain, Pam Ebner, Wes Morris, David McDave, Rick Hansen, Bob Burlew, Tony Prestonise, Ray Ayotte.

Approval of Agenda - Cole moved, Miller seconded to approve the agenda. Voice Vote - All Ayes.
Carried.

Approval of Minutes - Cole moved, Miller seconded to approve the minutes of RM 3-10-14 and SM 3-27-14. All Ayes. Carried.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer read funds by line summary; total Chemical CD \$307,860.53; total DDA Chase Checking \$18,891.75; total General Chase Checking \$605,152.54; Sewer Cash – Savings \$211,281.54; total Chase Savings \$211,281.54; with TOTAL FUNDS of \$1,143,186.36.

Moved by Cole, Bessenbacher seconded to pay the bills as presented total \$23,210.90; checks #23336-23379 and EFT 28. Roll Call – Ayes: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Miller, Musall. Nays: 0. Two Seats Vacant. 5-0. Passed.

Public Comment

I. Pastor Wesley Morris of The Rock Church reported that due to the damage sustained to the Byron High/Middle School gym during the recent storm, they will be holding their Easter Service at the Byron Elementary School gym. Because of the limited parking at the elementary school, he asked permission to have a church member direct traffic as people are shuttled from the BHS parking lot to the BES gymnasium. Pastor Morris noted he had met with Pastor Nate of the Byron United Methodist Church to coordinate activities. The services are at different times and the two pastors do not anticipate a problem with traffic. President Musall noted that he didn't see a problem with their plan.

II. David McDave, architect representing Rick Hansen, owner of the Valero gas station (and former laundry-mat and car wash) presented plans/prints to renovate and expand the gas station. Due to the damage from the recent storm, the laundry-mat and car wash portion of the building have been condemned. Mr. Hansen noted that he plans to keep the current gas station open during the demolition/reconstruction process. The new building will be larger and include a grocery section. President Musall thanked Mr. McDave and Mr. Hansen and noted that this is a positive for the Village of Byron.

III. Mr. Bob Burlew, representing the VFW, presented a permit requesting permission to sell Buddy Poppies on May 8, 9, and 10, 2014. Police Chief Sampey requested that VFW members selling poppies wear vests and use orange cones. Moved by Musall, seconded by Brunell to approve the permit for the Buddy Poppies sale on May 8, 9, 10, 2014. All Ayes. Carried.

IV. Mr. Burlew also presented a permit for the Memorial Day Parade on May 26, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. Moved by Musall, seconded by Bessenbacher to approve the Memorial Day Parade plans. All Ayes. Carried.

Unfinished Business - Building Official Employment – Moved by Brunell, seconded by Cole, that the Council approve the employment of Bob Delaney as Building Official for the Village on an “as needed” basis. Roll Call – Ayes: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Miller Musall. Nayes: 0. Two Seats Vacant. 5-0. Passed.

DPW Report

Report accepted as presented.

Discussion:

- Water problem on Warren Street and possible solutions.
- Tree in cemetery that fell during recent storm – to be discussed during committee reports.
- Letters have been sent to residents on Lehring Rd. regarding sewer problems.

Police Report

Report accepted as presented.

President Musall thanked Chief Sampey for coming in following the storm and taking shifts with other officers during the emergency to keep people away from the damage at the Byron High School/Middle School complex.

Discussion:

- Chief Sampey asked if the Council would be interested in him pursuing the qualification to make the Municipal building acceptable as a heating and cooling unit/shelter. Council members agreed this would be a good idea.
- Chief Sampey reported he had met with school officials and that the debris from the storm has been cleaned up. They have a plan in place for presentation to the State Fire Marshall. As soon as they gain approval school will reopen.
- Chief Sampey noted that he needs a 3-4 drawer lockable file cabinet. President Musall noted that he was quite sure he could get one from Ron Leix. If not the Village will purchase one from Staples.

New Business

Moved by Musall, seconded by Bessenbacher, to approve the resignation of Jim Crain as Village Clerk effective April 30, 2014. Roll Call – Ayes: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Miller, Musall. Nayes – 0. Two seats vacant. 5-0. Passed.

Moved by Musall, seconded by Miller, to approve the appointment of Pam Ebner as Village Clerk effective April 14, 2014. Roll Call – Ayes: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Miller, Musall. Nays – 0. Two seats vacant. 5-0. Passed.

Moved by Bessenbacher, supported by Miller, to approve the employment of Matt Misner for the DPW/Cemetery part-time position effective April 15, 2014. Roll Call – Ayes: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Miller, Musall. Nays – 0. Two seats vacant. 5-0. Passed.

Moved by Miller, supported by Bessenbacher, to allow Mike Granger to order shirts with DPW logo in an amount not to exceed \$80.00. Roll Call – Ayes: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Miller, Musall. Nays -0. Two seats vacant. 5-0. Passed.

Moved by Musall, seconded by Miller, to approve the event permit from the Knights of Columbus to conduct a Tootsie Roll sale on April 11, 12 and 13, 2014 on the corners of Maple and Saginaw Streets. Voice Vote – All Ayes. Passed.

Moved by Miller, supported by Cole, to approve the Burns Township Fire Department request to use a fire hydrant for water-ball games during community activities and/or events. Voice Vote – All Ayes. 5-0. Passed.

Moved by Bessenbacher, supported by Brunell, that the Council approve Ordinance 2014-1; 51.06 (c) regarding water turn-on and turn-off fees. Roll Call – Ayes: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Miller, Musall. Nays-0. Two seats vacant. 5-0. Passed.

Moved by Brunell, supported by Bessenbacher, that the Council approve the water rate resolution as presented. Roll Call – Ayes: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Miller, Musall. Nays-0. Two seats vacant. 5-0. Passed.

Moved by Miller, supported by Bessenbacher, that the Council approve the sewer rate resolution as presented. Roll Call – Ayes: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Miller, Musall. Nays-0. Two seats vacant. 5-0. Passed.

Committee Reports

Cemetery – No report .

Discussion:

- It was noted that the tree in cemetery that fell when the storm went through needs to be removed and cleaned up before Memorial Day. Vicki Bessenbacher will get quotes.
- Vicki Bessenbacher also agreed to contact monument companies about leaving headstones in cemetery before foundations are laid, which was done twice last year.

DDA:

- Minutes March 13, 2014 meeting summary of March 27, 2014 meeting were presented for Council's information.

Discussion:

- It was noted that there was a complaint by a DDA member regarding the debris in front of business next to hers. Tim Sampey noted he would remind his officers they are going to be doing code enforcement.

Planning

- Kit Brunell gave information regarding two grants to Jim Crain, Village Clerk.
- Kit also noted she has information about the Governor's Gala at which the Village will be receiving Honorable Mention. The Village is eligible for two free tickets.
- Kit noted she is registered for the National Association of Town Watch Summer Wrap-up and will get an organizational kit.
- Kit will be meeting with a gentleman regarding water testing. She will send an e-mail if other Council members are interested in coming to the meeting.
- Kit made the suggestion that the Council members be present in the Village offices for a couple of hours per week to answer questions from residents, etc. President Musall suggested that Kit prepare a schedule. It was also suggested the office hours be posted on the next water bill.

Council Comments

- Kit Brunell thanked Jim Crain for his time and commitment to the Village.
- Community Clean-Up Day: President Musall noted he has several groups interested in participating. Shirley Riley has researched the cost of bringing in a dumpster or a garbage truck. It is more cost effective to bring in a truck, which would hold more than a dumpster as it can be compacted as it is filled. Council agreed to discuss the Clean-Up Day further at the May meeting. President Musall will talk to "The Rock Church" regarding their interest in helping. It was also suggested that the FFA may also be willing to help.

Adjournment

President Musall adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.