

Village of Byron
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Musall

President led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

Other Present: Anthony Prestoniese, Deanna Finnegan, Jeff Reed, George Soda, Jeremy Root, Beverly Miller and Rob Vandermark

Approval of Agenda: Two additional line items (M,N) were added to the Agenda- Bessenbacher moved, Cole second to approve the agenda with additions.-voice vote; all ayes,0 nays, 2 vacant, motion carried.

Approval of minutes-Cole moved, Bessenbacher second to approve the RM minutes of May 12, 2014 & SM of May 16, 2014; voice vote; all ayes,0 nays, 2 vacant, motion carried.

Treasurers report: was read by Line item summary-Chemical Bank CD \$307,860.53; DDA \$18,891.75; General Chase Checking \$617,417.21; Sewer Cash- Savings \$211,292.62; Chase Savings \$211,292.62 with total funds \$1,155,462,11. Accepted as read pending audit. Update on grants that were given for research the month prior.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES-Cole moved, Miller second to pay the May 2014 expenditures including checks 23426-23487 and EFT 30 totaling \$26,194.28. Roll call; Ayes-Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Miller Musal. Nays-0. 2 vacant.

ANNUAL AUDIT report; presented by Demis & Wenzlick P.C. certified Public Accountants; Musal moved to accept report, Cole second. Roll call; Ayes-Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Miller Musal. Nays-0. 2 vacant. Also, Musal moved to continue internal controls, Cole second. Roll call; Ayes-Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Miller Musal. Nays-0. 2 vacant.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Election-moved by Bessenbacher, second by Cole to post the info regarding the Nov. 4, 2014 election locally. Roll call; Ayes-Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Miller Musal. Nays-0. 2 vacant; carried.
- B. BAS Generator Rental- moved by Bessenbacher, second by Brunell to charge the school in the amount of \$2307.36 for useage in Dec. 2013. Roll call; Ayes-Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Miller Musal. Nays-0. 2 vacant, carried.
- C. EVIP Funding- moved by Miller, second by Bessenbacher to continue to apply for the EVIP funds through the State Of Michigan. Roll call; Ayes-Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Miller Musal. Nays-0. 2 vacant; carried.
- D. Spicer Group Floodplain Information-No actin necessary at this time.

DPW -report accepted as presented

Discussion items:

- Granger reported that bridge inspections are coming soon
- Lagoon cleaning a good possibility.

POLICE-Report accepted as presented

Discussion items:

- 190th celebration
- PD car in for repairs of gas tank

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Moved by Miller second by Brunell to accept the resignation of Pam Ebner, as village clerk, All Ayes; 0 Nays, 2 vacant; carried.
- B.) Moved by Musall, second by Bessenbacher to post Vacancy of Village Clerk in the Help Wanted section of the Independent for 2 weeks on June 21st & 28th. Discussion was Brunell to get with Treasurer to place ad under the direction of Miller & Bessenbacher who will hold the interviews on July 9th. All ayes; 0 nays-2 vacant, motion carried.
- ** Musall moved, Miller second to go into executive session to discuss items C,D,E due to the personal situations of the citizens involved. All ayes, 0 nays, 2 vacant; motion carried
- C.) {Exec session}
- D.) {Exec session}
- E.) {Exec session}
- F.) Zoning Map- Brunell to follow up with Carlisle-Wortman Associates, update @ next Mt.
- G.) Friends of Shiawassee River-Membership denied by unanimous council vote.
- H.) Code Enforcement-Lawn Mowing complaints, ordinance code was read and agreed to personally serve notices via the Byron PD on residence giving the appropriate time to comply or lawns will be mowed by an outside contractor and charged back on the taxes of the property owner.
- I.) Gen Fund Loan for Demo expenses-Moved by Miller, second by Brunell to borrow \$26,000.00 from the Village General Fund for the expenses of demo. Unpaid balance to bear interest at 3.00% per annum with payments of \$1,120.00 per month paid to Gen. Fund until all prin. /Interest is paid in full. Roll Call vote; . Roll call; Ayes-Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Miller Musal. Nays-0. 2 vacant; carried.
- J.) Health Insurance-Motin by Miller, second by Musall to continue the same health care plan as in the past. Roll call vote: . Roll call; Ayes-Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Miller Musal. Nays-0. 2 vacant; carried.
- K.) DDA request for Entertainment tent {190th cele.}- No Action necessary because it is private property.
- L.) Trustee Office Hours- to be posted locally, Miller 6-8PM MONDAY, Bessenbacher, 6-8 PM WEDNESDAY, Brunell, 6-8 PM FRIDAY, COLE, TBA. No action necessary.
- M.) Parade permits- Approved unanimously by council.
- N.) Olrich Letter to council-referred to Attorney for further information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A.) Cemetary-Bessenbacher asked when were the foundations going to be poured, some complaints had been received about the issue. It was noted that it should be monitored through the summer.
- B.) DDA-report was submitted regarding the last meeting and accepted
- C.) Planning/Zoning-It was noted that Code Violation letters had been sent out to two residents regarding blight and unsafe building; one resident had complied fully but the other needs a follow up from code enforcement.
- D.) Police- committee held organizational meeting on June 4th to address concerns from residents. The committee will be running a 2 month evaluation of the dept. with the help of Chief Sampey. Items were requested from the chief to assist with this. Meetings will be held on July 9th & August 6th @ 6:00 PM at the municipal building. Possible reduction of the police staff coming for the future.
- E.) Handbook-Miller stated that the committee felt that the handbook remain as written with no revision for the family member employment issue.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

1. Cole-noted that the RED MILL was up for sale
2. Bessenbacher-asked about training to take over cemetery entry so that it would be no cost from cemetery account. Also, asked why DPW refused to pick up tree branch on the NW side of Byron road instead of mowing around it. Noted that it looks bad and residents have complained.
3. Miller-none
4. Brunell-asked if P. Hathaway's contract was up yet and suggested that we dissolve his involvement after demo is complete.
5. Musall-suggested that a future sidewalk project would be the strip in front of former Janelles property.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. D. Finnegan-candidate for Circuit Judge
 2. T. Prestonise-minutes posting
 3. R. Vandermark-advised that the street flags need to be replaced
 4. G. Soda-candidate for 85th district
 5. J. Root- candidate for county commissioner
- President Musall adjourned the meeting at 8:50

K. Brunell

Kit Brunell-Temp. Village clerk

Richard Musall

Rick Musall-Village President