

Village of Byron
Special Council Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2014

Meeting called to order at 6:06pm by President Musall

President led Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – Present: Bessenbacher, Brunell, Cole, Miller, Musall. Absent: None. 2 Seats Vacant

President introduced Mike Engel who facilitated the presentation to Council.

Discussion revolved around fairness in billing and being accountable to the manner in which water and sewer REU's are calculated. Fees can be based on size of intake pipe to determine water use, since meters are cost prohibitive. Village can use EPA guide on REU's or a combination of both, as long as there is proper documentation on how rates were calculated.

Fairness on billing was discussed. Rates were compared to other municipalities in the surrounding area and how adjustments will affect overall billing to the entire sector of water/sewer users in the Village.

Baseline rates factored on known costs for projects required to operate systems. Auditor has emphasized during past three audit presentations that rates are not sufficient to support legacy costs. Treasurer noted that Village has been dipping out of fund balance for several years.

Any rate increases could be factored over a two or three year period. Updating the ordinance to factor future cost increases, address shut off/turn on costs, and establishing minimum monthly billing for each account will be necessary. Mike Engel to provide sample ordinances and letters to use as reference.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm. Next Meeting is Regular Council Meeting 4/14/14 @ 7pm.

James Crain – Clerk

Date

Rick Musall - President