

Village of Byron
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2016

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

Pledge of Allegiance Led By: President Brunell

Roll Call – Present: Miller, Prestonise, Bessenbacher, Berecz, Orr, Cole and Brunell.

Approval of Agenda: Bessenbacher motioned to approve the agenda as amended. The work week changed to month under C New business and Public Comments on non-agenda items added above number 14; seconded by Miller. Voice Vote: Ayes-Bessenbacher, Berecz, Orr, Miller, Prestonise, Cole and Brunell; No Nays - Passed.

Approval of Minutes: Bessenbacher motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for March 14, 2016 as written; seconded by Miller. Voice Vote: Ayes- Orr, Berecz, Miller, Bessenbacher, Prestonise, Cole and Brunell. No Nays - Passed.

Public Comments – Agenda Items: P. Blackburn and D. Chapman stated issues concerning foundation in cemetery and explained stone is ready. Also, stated what S. Granger told them including they could not pour own foundation.

Treasurers Report – Ketchum read report. Report to stand pending audit. Reed explained the General Fund miscellaneous revenue and how it was fixed.

Approval of Bills – Berecz I motion to approve bills for March 1, 2016 thru March 31, 2016 totaling \$18,067 and EFT 53. Prestonise questioned Verizon wireless and good faith deposit. Roll Call: Ayes- Orr, Berecz, Miller, Bessenbacher, Prestonise, Cole and Brunell. No Nays - Passed.

Bills Awaiting Approval – Cole motioned to pay bills (blue folder) listed on approval sheet totaling \$1671.30; seconded by Bessenbacher. Roll Call: Ayes- Orr, Berecz, Miller, Bessenbacher, Prestonise, Cole and Brunell. No Nays - Passed.

President's Communications: Brunell explained General Law Handbook memo and the June 2015 minutes. If still interested see Reed and sign one out. She also explained contacting Finnegan and read the email then gave Reed a copy. Brunell also cover the resolution on time clock punching and inquire about DPW time sheets. Reed will check April minutes and update last sheet of Rules of Procedure. Water tower inspection will be held on April 22, 2016 at 9:00 am and the inspection will be done with ROV camera. She also mentioned that Christopher purchased Ayotte property and we will talk about building permits later in meeting.

Personnel Committee – Berecz read reports and explained raise of treasurer pay from \$12.00 to \$13.50 and that they also recommend 1-2 more hours as needed. Brunell said maybe start reviews with the office staff. More discussion took place. Motion by Berecz to accept the recommendation to raise treasurer pay to \$13.50 per hour, retro to November 1, 2015 and to work 1 to 2 more hours as needed without preapproval; seconded by Cole. Roll Call: Ayes- Orr, Berecz, Miller, Bessenbacher, Prestonise, Cole and Brunell. No Nays - Passed. Brunell said resolution will need to be updated and Miller motioned

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to amend resolution regarding treasurer pay and 1-2 hours as needed. Also, Gormley will do a proposal for time cards; seconded by Cole. Roll Call: Ayes- Orr, Berecz, Miller, Bessenbacher, Prestonise, Cole and Brunell. No Nays - Passed. Gormley talked about if it could be done before, when the employee realized they did not punch. Much discussion took place on subject. Ketchum explained how it affects our tax payments.

Streets, Cemetery, Public Buildings and Parks: Will post new meeting time with clerk.

Commissioner's Report – Root said they are working on ballot language for renewals. MSU extension will increase every home by .86 cents. Coordinator position is back to full time for 4H. Medical will be breaking ground in October. Other than that, just working on ballot proposals.

DDA- Brunell explained the need for generators and what the event entailed. Prestonise and Berecz explained how generator was wired. Brunell will pass on that we don't have one.

Old Business: A) Byron Law Enforcement: Berecz explained personnel meeting and what was discussed in the police proposal if Durand takes over; pay for part-time officer is \$15.00/hour and possible use of Byron car. Start out with 20 hours/week and suggested grant for new car. Brunell explained letter from Roddy and explained cost analysis. She then gave here recommendation of appointing G. Taylor as Chief and what he has done to invest in the community. Brunell also explained that he has attended meetings and she feels that action needs to be taken on the police matter. Brunell asked if Berecz had police bicycles in his garage and Berecz said to his knowledge they belong to Sampey. Bessenbacher contacted Sampey and confirmed the bikes are his. More discussion took place and Brunell stated that the citizens want an active police department. Orr motioned to try Durand on a 3 month trial to provide law enforcement for Village of Byron and have their city attorney draw up contract; seconded by Miller. Roll Call: Ayes- Orr, Berecz, Miller, Bessenbacher and Prestonise. Nays: Cole and Brunell - Passed.

B) 16/17 Road Salt Order: Reed explained salt order of 25 ton early and 50 ton seasonal. Berecz motioned an order of 75 ton of salt with 25 ton with first delivery and 50 ton seasonal delivery. Roll Call: Ayes- Orr, Berecz, Miller, Bessenbacher, Prestonise, Cole and Brunell. No Nays - Passed.

C) Cemetery Cleanup: Brunell said she talked to Granger about details and Miller will give the date to Reed.

New Business - A) T Shirts: Brunell explained \$12.00-15.00 cost and order safety green with Village of Byron on it. Berecz explained what they order and where. Discussion took place. Berecz motioned to not go over \$200.00 for a dozen shirts and clerk can buy at best price and what to put on them; seconded by Miller. Roll Call: Ayes- Orr, Berecz, Miller, Bessenbacher, Prestonise, Cole and Brunell. No Nays - Passed.

B) PT Worker Hours: Brunell explained the issue with the dam and both employees unavailable; we need to have some tentative schedule from Bretzlaff. More discussion took place. Bretzlaff will give Reed tentative schedule.

C) Generator: See DDA

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D) BS&A Quote: Brunell explained cemetery training and cost. She also explained that Gormley suggested hiring someone. More discussion on training subject. Brunell said both Reed and Ketchum do not want to do it nor do they have enough time. Miller motioned to table until next month; seconded by Berecz. Voice Vote: Ayes- Orr, Berecz, Miller, Bessenbacher, Prestonise, Cole and Brunell. No Nays - Passed.

E) DDA Treasurer Time (1.5 hours per Month): Brunell explained that DDA approved that they would approve 1.5 hours/month and pay Village for time. Miller motioned to approve the 1.5 hours/month for DDA; seconded by Bessenbacher. Voice Vote: Ayes- Orr, Berecz, Miller, Bessenbacher, Prestonise, Cole and Brunell. No Nays - Passed.

F) Code Enforcement: Brunell explained the need and it also included the Woodard's. She explained taking in permits and Gormley explained company called AGS (Bert Gale, owner). Brunell asked if we want to keep it or not. Bessenbacher asked about Delaney and Brunell said we sent a letter around December. Gormley explained what was needed and more was discussed. Brunell asked if we want to advertise for it. Brunell said Personnel get with AGS and report back to Reed. Miller motioned to publish in Argus Press for building inspector, code enforcement and zoning administer for 2 Sundays and applications to be received by April 29, 2016; seconded by Berecz. Roll Call: Ayes- Orr, Berecz, Miller, Bessenbacher, Prestonise, Cole and Brunell. No Nays - Passed. Brunell explained Woodard's garage and the trees they would like to remove from lot line. Reed will contact and get copy of quick claim deed. Gormley suggested a motion and Miller motioned to cut trees if on property or within 5 feet of property. Voice Vote: Ayes- Orr, Berecz, Miller, Bessenbacher, Prestonise, Cole and Brunell. No Nays - Passed.

Public Comments: R. Thompson from VFW Auxiliary along with VFW would like to hand out poppies on May 5, 6, and 7, 2016 after buses all day Saturday. Berecz motioned to approve VFW and VFW Auxiliary to hand out poppies on May 5, 6 and 7, 2016; seconded by Cole. Voice Vote: Ayes- Orr, Berecz, Miller, Bessenbacher, Prestonise, Cole and Brunell. No Nays - Passed. VFW would like to hold Memorial Parade and Berecz motioned to approve the VFW holding the Memorial Day Parade; seconded by Bessenbacher. Voice Vote: Ayes- Orr, Berecz, Miller, Bessenbacher, Prestonise, Cole and Brunell. No Nays - Passed. VFW also had questions on placing flags on graves and would like to do them and Reed will check into it.

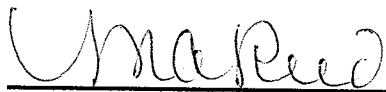
Any Other Business from Council /Comments: Miller talked about why he had to FOIA Finnegan and asked if Brunell's emails were restored. Brunell I believe so yes and Gormley said we did. Miller said Finnegan showed him an email that Brunell sent to her that talked about last month and I will ask Gormley because it has some reference to closed session. Gormley said no and Miller said I do have another that was written to Gormley in November 2015. I was in Tennessee and this was about the snow storm. Brunell asked if it was covered under attorney client privilege and Gormley asked if about policy issue and Miller said I will let you look at it. Gormley said not about legal issue and you can read it. Miller said it was an email from Reed to Gormley from what Kit had told her and Miller said it is an outright lie. Brunell explained the conversation about employee directives. Brunell explained her call log and asked if she needed to go through her log and Miller said yes. Bessenbacher asked about Cemetery foundations and how are we going to handle it. Prestonise said a motion was made to pour foundations and Brunell asked for the dates.

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Berecz said foundations on demand weather permitting. Both Orr and Brunell agreed. Brunell talked about Hansen and home owner issues and a letter should be written to Hansen. Brunell also asked Miller about her FOIA request and asked about the letter promoting Crooks to lieutenant and I did not receive that. I would like to turn it over to fraud. Miller said I explained to Reed and when it was FOIA'd I turned it over. She then explained email Reed sent. Miller said he doesn't email.

Items For Next Agenda: BS&A cemetery training/cost, cemetery clean-up, code enforcement, Durand Police and pre-formed foundations.

Meeting adjourned at: Motion to adjourn at 9:45 pm by Miller; seconded by Bessenbacher. Voice Vote: Ayes-Prestonise, Bessenbacher, Miller, Orr, Berecz, Cole and Brunell. No nays-passed.



Marsha Reed, Clerk

5/9/16

Date



Kit Brunell, President