

Village of Byron  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2016

**Meeting called to order at:** 7:02 pm by President Brunell

**Pledge of Allegiance Led By:** President Brunell

**Roll Call – Present:** Miller, Prestonise, Bessenbacher, Berecz, Orr, and Brunell. Cole came in at 8:13 pm

**Approval of Agenda:** Berecz motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Jason Hart, Police Chief of Durand; seconded by Miller. Voice Vote: Ayes-Bessenbacher, Berecz, Orr, Miller, Prestonise and Brunell; No Nays - Passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Miller motioned to approve the January 11, 2016 minutes as written; seconded by Bessenbacher. Voice Vote: Ayes- Orr, Berecz, Miller, Bessenbacher, Prestonise and Brunell. No Nays - Passed. Berecz motioned to approve the January 27, 2016 minutes as presented; seconded by Miller. Voice Vote: Ayes- Orr, Berecz, Miller, Bessenbacher, Prestonise and Brunell. No Nays - Passed.

**Call To Audience – Agenda Items:** V. Murphy spoke about the need for a Police Department and the wait time for State Police to arrive and how scared she was and what could have transpired before arrival. W. Eller asked question and Gormley explained letter and Brunell said none returned. M Dower inquired about Police Department and protection was why she moved here. Brunell explained County has stepped up patrol.

**Treasurers Report** – Ketchum was absent. Report to stand pending audit.

**Approval of Bills** – Brunell explained late fees and Ketchum needs to process as soon as they come in. Miller said we were getting late fees back in October, November and December. Miller said she will have to call vendors and explain that bills need to be approved prior to paying. We will hold a finance meeting on February 10, 2016 at 10 am pending Cole’s availability. Prestonise inquired about the Andrews Material Testing and Brunell explained that it took over a year before receiving. Berecz questioned IT Right. Miller will talk to Ketchum on paying bills and she will have to do a register. Reed explained the invoice dates and how it works when issuing checks. Miller motioned to pay checks 24398 -24404 and 24419 – 24429 totaling \$1,900.55; seconded by Bessenbacher. Roll Call –Ayes: Bessenbacher, Miller, Orr, Berecz, Prestonise and Brunell. No Nays – Passed.

**Bills Awaiting Approval** – Bessenbacher motioned to pay: Chase Credit Card, American Sewer, Conrad Towing, Elhorn Engineer, Coffield Oil, Poster Compliance and Gary Palmer – Electrical; Seconded by Berecz. Roll Call: Ayes- Orr, Berecz, Miller, Bessenbacher, Prestonise, Cole and Brunell. No Nays - Passed.

**President’s Communications:** Brunell explained retirement badge for Sampey and the process along with time line. Newell, according to Root has resigned. Lt. Kirk said he can see about pushing something through for the retirement ID. Brunell also gave a rundown of what was returned and how Kirk helped with the guns. Question of 1 AR that Sampey may have and Bessenbacher said he may have bought it.

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**Commissioner's Report** – No Report

**DDA-** Vandemark explained the Eric Jones sign and asked for permission to place by water tower. Some things still need tweaking. Miller motioned to allow DDA to place Eric Jones sign within fence around water tower. Voice Vote: Ayes-Bessenbacher, Berecz, Orr, Miller, Prestonise, Cole and Brunell; No Nays - Passed.

**Old Business: A) Handicap Parking:** Prestonise said we need to get DDA involved with it and he also explained what was needed and number allowed. Gormley explained sign needed for tickets. Berecz talked about spot that would work for van. Brunell motioned to table until March meeting for fact finding and research; seconded by Prestonise. Voice Vote: Ayes-Bessenbacher, Berecz, Orr, Miller, Prestonise, Cole and Brunell; No Nays - Passed.

**B) Tri County Wireless:** Jason Vardon, Owner of Tri County Wireless, explained that they are waiting for buyout amount for your free service. He explained 3 pops and more can be added when needed. Electric would be in Tri County name and they would pay the bill. They could host web site next year. Berecz asked about a contract and Vardon said they would like a 5 year contract. Council would like to review contract for March meeting.

**A)New Business - SCSD/ Lt. Kirk:** Brunell explained meeting with Kirk and how dedicated officer could be paid for with insurance reduction, non-use of car and no maintenance. He also explained reporting system and Sheriff on board with it. Brunell explained the resolution passed regarding police. Orr said we need to add <sup>5-10</sup> 4 mills and put on taxes then there would be enough for 24/7 coverage. Brunell said just wanted to get something on the table. Gormley said mills maxed according to Headlee. He also suggested getting township on board. Audience members commented that they just want coverage and reading in the paper that we had no police. Kirk said they would be around.

**B)E Street Administrator:** Brunell explained the need for administrator. Miller motioned to keep the President as the street administrator; seconded by Cole. Voice Vote: Ayes-Bessenbacher, Berecz, Orr, Miller, Prestonise, Cole and Brunell; No Nays - Passed.

**C) DEQ/HES:** explained what caused overflow and why transfer was done. Water sample came back good and received DEQ violation letter. It was a plug that cause overflow into manhole. Reed said she would send out the let when the additions done.

**D) Meeting Schedule Dates 16/17:** Brunell explained dates and Miller motioned to accept the 16/17 dates for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month for council meeting; seconded by Cole. Voice Vote: Ayes-Bessenbacher, Berecz, Orr, Miller, Prestonise, Cole and Brunell; No Nays - Passed.

**E) Dam Inspection Letter:** Brunell explained letter and free inspection. Question came up about dam ownership. Berecz motioned to notify DEQ to do dam inspection; seconded by Miller. Voice Vote: Ayes-Bessenbacher, Berecz, Orr, Miller, Prestonise, Cole and Brunell; No Nays - Passed.

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**F) DPW Hours of Operation:** Brunell explained tour and truck in for spreader. Suggested hours were Monday thru Friday from 8:00 am until 2:30 pm with ½ hour for lunch. Bretzlaff would work on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Discussion took place on equipment and training. Berecz suggested leaving start time at 7:00 am. Miller motioned for the DPW hours to be Monday thru Friday from 7:00 am -1:30 pm with a ½ hour lunch; seconded by Berecz. Voice Vote: Ayes-Bessenbacher, Berecz, Orr, Miller, Prestonise, Cole and Brunell; No Nays - Passed. Hours will be posted on website.

**G) Jason Hart from Durand:** Hart explained that he was Chief of Police for Durand and that he doesn't have numbers or a proposal and he would have to go through a process for approval but, would like to be considered for police coverage. He said they could offer 24 hour coverage and with shorter distance a quicker response time. He also went over services and would be interested in school resource officer and also said he could utilize full and part time as well as reserve officers.

**Any Other Business from Council /Comments:** Orr had question on Genesee Valley Vault containing his name. Prestonise said he is not taking DPW position, just want to help out and if sees one in trouble he will help. Miller questioned reimbursement and Brunell said in process. Brunell asked about safety vest and Miller said he has one. Brunell said budget hearing will be on Monday February 22, 2016 at 7:00 pm and need approval to publish in paper. Miller motioned to publish budget hearing in paper, twice if needed; seconded by Berecz. Roll Call: Ayes-Bessenbacher, Berecz, Orr, Miller, Prestonise, Cole and Brunell; No Nays - Passed. Reed told Orr name was Betty Lou Duncan. Gormley said Ketchum needs to create list for bills. Miller and Berecz said police at 40 hours per week. Prestonise asked about school sewer and Brunell replied that they agreed to the terms.

**Items For Next Agenda :** Handicap parking, Tri County Wireless Contract and police proposals

**Meeting adjourned at:** Motion to adjourn at 9:23 pm by Berecz; seconded by Bessenbacher. Voice Vote: Ayes-Prestonise, Bessenbacher, Miller, Orr, Berecz, Cole and Brunell. No nays-passed.



Marsha Reed, Clerk

3-14-16

Date



Kit Brunell, President

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