

Village of Byron
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2017

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

Pledge of Allegiance Led By: President Prestonise

Roll Call – Present: Miller, Berez, Bessenbacher, Chapman, Campbell and Prestonise. Orr and Reed absent. Minutes taken by Ketchum.

Approval of Agenda: Prestonise requested an addition to Old Business: I: Noxious Weeds Ordinance and Resolution. Motion by Bessenbacher to approve amended agenda; seconded by Miller. Voice Vote: Aye- Chapman, Bessenbacher, Miller, Campbell, Berez, Prestonise. Nays-none Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Bessenbacher motioned to approve the Minutes for June 12, 2017 as written; seconded by Berez. Voice Vote: Ayes-, Chapman, Berez, Miller, Chapman, Bessenbacher, Campbell and Prestonise. Nays: None; Motion passed.

Public Comments – Agenda Items: None.

Treasurers Report – Ketchum read report. Motion by Miller to accept report to pending audit; seconded by Campbell. Roll Call Vote: Ayes- , Berez, Miller, Chapman, Bessenbacher, Campbell and Prestonise. Nays: None; -Passed.

Approval of Bills – Berez gave report of 34 checks totaling \$14,729.88 less \$400.00 with a total of \$14,329.88. Miller motioned to approve the bills with 34 checks totaling \$14,729.88 less \$400.00 with a total of \$14,329.88. Check 25066 approved in June; seconded by Bessenbacher. Roll Call: Ayes- Campbell, Berez, Miller, Chapman, Bessenbacher and Prestonise. Nays: none; Motion Passed.

Bills Awaiting Approval – Miller motioned to pay the blue folder invoices, totaling \$344.61; seconded by Bessenbacher. Roll Call: Ayes- Campbell , Berez, Miller, Chapman, Bessenbacher and Prestonise. Nays: none; 1 Motion Passed.

Police Report: Berez read the police report. 16 Shifts: Hours worked 79.5.

DPW Report: Berez read the DPW report: Request for \$373.05 for weed/grass killer: discussion regarding weed killer that had been approved for last month-unsure where that had been used. Until the council gets clarification on that, Berez recommended that the new weed killer purchase be tabled. On report for lift stations, the 3rd lift station had been omitted, however, the billing (\$1275.00) was attached to Berez's copy of report and it did reflect that all 3 lift stations were maintained. Hydrant Painting: discussion as to whether the Village wants DPW to do the painting or not. Bessenbacher brought up the issue of people needing to do public service might be an option. Attorney Chris Johnson recommended contacting the Probation Officer at District Court. Have received estimate for crack sealing but did not act on it because the Village did not know how many streets they could afford to do. Discussion about various small items around Village. Prestonise said he would look into them.

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DDA: Beverly Miller gave report. 9 entries in the Cardboard Boat race. Update on Safe Routes to School application process. Deadline is in the fall.

Commissioner Report: Root said new person in the FOC and that there is funding so no cost to county. There is an opening for 1 patrol and have new K9 unit in county. Patrol truck will arrive this week and grant for marijuana enforcement; used for patrol as well as drug enforcement. Grant for Henderson Park for trails, pavilion etc. River designation for river worries about the dams.

Old Business:

- A) Cemetery Marker /Cement Base & Pole.** Berecz said it had been discussed and was agreed that the existing vegetation and railroad ties could be removed so that the base could be inspected. He thinks that all that was done was it had been sprayed. Discussion between Berecz and Lynn Stork about it and Berecz said he had told Dan Warren the base needed to be exposed and to report to Stork regarding this matter. Stork said she had not talked to Warren at all. Berecz talk to Warren regarding this matter. Prestonise asked what The Council wished to do, leave the plants there or cement the whole thing. After discussion the council agreed to cement it. Berecz asked if approval was needed from the VFW. Prestonise said he didn't think so since it is not their property. A member of the audience bought up that Mr. Burlew might have some input into the topic. Prestonise said he would look into it.
- B) Crack Sealing.** Waiting for report from Dan.
- C) Village Mowing Charges.** One bid came in from Ron Berecz for \$100.00 to ^{mow} ~~the~~ lot at 118 N. Church Street. Discussion about what is to be mowed and size of plot. Motion by Miller to approve bid for \$100.00 from Berecz for mowing. Second by Chapman. Roll Call-Ayes: Bessenbacher, Chapman, Miller, Campbell, and Prestonise. Berecz Abstained. Motion passed.
- D) Changes to Noise Ordinance.** Discussion about noise ordinance. Campbell said he had contacted 3 different police agencies and they all told him that it was left open to the officer's discretion. Perstonise said he would have to get with John. Chris said enforcement could be an issue. Discussion continued. Miller asked for issue to be tabled. Prestonise said he didn't think it needed to be tabled and to take this issue off the agenda for next month.
- E) Transportation Asset Management Council-IRT Training (reminder).** Training July 14th. Some council members said they were going to take it then. Miller to get seminar going on computer before the session.
- F) Golf Carts in the Village.** Chris said that the Resolution he presented mirrors the State Statute. Discussion: any other type of vehicle? Chris explained it was for Golf Carts only. Miller made motion to accept the resolution as presented: Second by Berecz. More discussion about other vehicle types. Roll Call: Ayes-Campbell, Bessenbacher, Berecz, Chapman, Miller, and Prestonise. Motion passed.
- G) Sexton Phone and Police Line.** Berecz said Reed said the phone company had not gotten back to her yet. Discussion about time-line and explained what had to be done to complete this project. Bessenbacher said that the issue with Tri-County Wireless was getting to be a joke too. Discussion continued and further explanation by Berecz: Prestonise said he guessed that it should be tabled but discussion about it already having been approved means that is still should be on the agenda until it is completed.

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- H) **Sidewalk Repair.** One bid has come in but Prestonise said it was not correct because it was for in front of the Pizzaria only instead of the Pizzaria and the Deli. Second bid had not come in yet for complete job. Bid was for \$2160.00. Discussion followed. Prestonise said to table it.
- I) **Noxious Weeds Ordinance.** Explanation by Chris Johnson as to which way the council could set up the rate resolution, civil infractions etc. and probability of recouping mowing costs on tax roll. Chris said the Resolution is the way to set the rates and the Ordinance gives the authority to mow. Miller moved to accept Ordinance 92.07: Second by Bessenbacher. Discussion. Roll Call: Ayes- Bessenbacher, Berecz, Chapman, Miller, Campbell and Prestonise. Motion Passed. **Noxious Weeds Resolution:** Motion to accept Resolution 92.07 by Berecz: Second by Chapman. Discussion. Roll Call- Ayes: Bessenbacher, Berecz, Chapman, Miller, Campbell and Prestonise. Motion Passed.

Report by Jeremy Root, County Commissioner (got to meeting late). Reorganization of Clerk and Administrative Offices: Have a contract to handle A/P and Payroll: Human Resources that the County has never had: Econ. And Finance Committee meetings: Sherriff's office beginning the Midnight Shift at end of July/all laid off officers will be back: In Burns township Fouss Gravel has purchased Shushler Farms.

Linda Chapman had to leave meeting at 7:53pm.

New Business –A. Budget Amendments for DDA. Beverly Miller explained that they had approved their budget and at this point they had spent money for fundraisers that had exceeded their budget so need the amendment. Miller motioned to raise DDA Budget-Prof. Srv. to \$1000.00 and Fundraising Expense to \$2000.00. : Second by Berencz: Roll Call-Ayes: Bessenbacher, Berecz, Miller, Campbell and Prestonise. Motion Passed.

B) Shirts for DPW employees. Berecz said Warren is wearing his own reflective clothing and read quote. Motion to purchase shirts for \$127.80 by Miller, Second by Berencz. Roll Call: Ayes-Bessenbacher, Berecz, Miller, Campbell and Prestonise.

C) MiWaters Administrator. Discussion-Hughes is now administrator. Bessenbacher asked why do we have to have Marsha as Administrator. Prestonise said it doesn't have to be. Berecz said it has to be Tony. Prestonise said we have to appoint some body. Discussion about removing Mike Grangers name as Administrator-Hughes can do that but they said they want another one also. Discussion of duties. Prestonise said Warren should be the Administrator for the Village. Miller motioned to have Dan Warren as MiWater Administrator. Second by Bessenbacher. Discussion about payment. Voice Vote: All ayes. Motion passed.

D. Budget Amendment for Water Supplies Expense. Ketchum explained that the G/L for Water Supplies was over budget. Discussion about chemicals, when they are used and how much to amend. Motion by Berecz to amend budget for Water Supplies by \$8000.00 bringing the total budget to \$14,000.00. Support by Miller. Roll Call-Ayes: Bessenbacher, Berecz, Miller, Campbell and Prestonise. Motion passed.

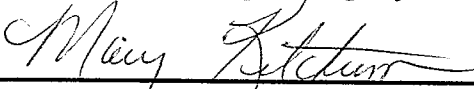
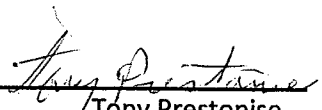
Public Comments: None.

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Council Comments: Bessenbacher-Tri-County Wireless-asked for clarification of the problem. Ketchum said there was an issue with the physical address of the property. Bessenbacher said she would call them. Campbell-Junk at south end of Byron at Red Mill etc. Discussion about zoning. Contact AGS for review of zoning. Prestonise-have finally found out who owns the property by the elementary school; he lives in Muskegon and he will contact them regarding the boat launch.

Items For Next Agenda: Weed Killer request by DPW.
Crack Sealing
Sexton Phone and Police Line
Sidewalk Repair

Meeting adjourned at: Meeting Adjourned by Prestonise at 8:18 pm.

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Mary Ketchum, Treasurer	Approval Date President	Tony Prestonise,