

Village of Byron
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
July ~~11~~⁸, 2019

Meeting called to order at: 7:01 pm by President Prestonise

Pledge of Allegiance Led By: President Prestonise

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

Approval of Agenda: Bessenbacher requests and addition to the agenda; Under New Business Letter G-Mowing issues around the Village. Motion to accept agenda with the change made by Bessenbacher, Second by Chapman. No discussion. All Ayes: None opposed. 1 absent -Passed.

Approval of Minutes: Prestonise said that the Minutes for June 10, 2019 were incorrect because several places throughout the printed minutes listed Orr as absent but he was present, and several errors concerning what Orr did at the meeting. Discussion where mistakes are in minutes and should minutes not be accepted and approved next month. Chris Johnson recommended to go through and identify the errors and then approve the Minutes, as amended, tonight because the Minutes should not be approved at the next meeting. Bessenbacher moved to approve Minutes as amended; seconded by Chapman. No further discussion. All Ayes: Nays: None; 1 absent -Passed.

Public Comments – Agenda Items: general comments from audience regarding roads.

Treasurers Report – Ketchum read report. Motion by Bessenbacher to accept report to pending audit; seconded by Chapman. No discussion. Roll Call: Ayes- Orr, Campbell, Chapman, Bessenbacher, Phillips and Prestonise. Nays: None; 1 absent -Passed.

Approval of Bills – Campbell gave report of 36 checks totaling \$22,236.37 minus \$19.78 previously paid out of “blue folder” for a total of \$22,216.59. Bessenbacher motioned to approve bills seconded by Chapman. No discussion. Roll Call: Ayes- Orr, Campbell, Phillips, Chapman, Bessenbacher and Prestonise. Nays: none; 1 absent - Passed.

Bills Awaiting Approval –Campbell read report of “blue folder” bills for payment: 8 bills totaling \$23,237.46 Orr motioned to pay the blue folder invoices, totaling \$23,237.46; seconded by Chapman. No discussion. Roll Call: Ayes- Orr, Campbell, Phillips, Chapman, Bessenbacher and Prestonise. Nays: none; 1 absent - Passed.

Budget Report: Bessenbacher said that at the last budget meeting everything seems to be on track and a budget amend by \$5000.00 has to be done to G/L for Water Repair and Maintenance and discussion about the DPW account that is over by under \$146.00 and also Bessenbacher asked about the other DPW bills that are unpaid. Ketchum said that the unpaids are totaling around \$1000.00 and can't be paid until all receipts have been turned into the office.

Police Report: Read by Prestonise.

DPW Report: Read by Prestonise.

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Cemetery Report: Read by Prestonise. Discussion about a bush being pulled out.

Mary Lou Prestonise said that she had received 48 flags from Sharon's house. (Note: meaning Sharon Grainger) Discussion about Clark baby headstone.

DDA: No report.

Commissioner Report: No report but Campbell, on behalf of Commissioner Root, mentioned about the hole still in root's lawn and also Dollar General has been leaving the exterior lights on all night.

Old Business:

A. Discussion about last month's approval of \$5000.00 for signs but not for shipping. Costs for shipping is \$320.00. Motion to pay shipping by Bessenbacher; seconded by Chapman. No discussion. Roll call: Chapman, Bessenbacher, Orr, Campbell, Phillips, Prestonise-all Ayes. Nays-none. 1 absent. Passed.

B. Discussion regarding purchase of Flash Drives for the Master Plan. Chapman said cost seems high and looking up flash drives on her cell phone found much lower pricing for them on Amazon or other places online. Council agreed to have clerk compare pricing from other suppliers before purchase and rather than place a monetary limit on this expenditure, just purchase under the clerk's regular office supply budget.

New Business

A. Bessenbacher began discussion about reducing the late collection days from 75 down to 45 days. Some people in audience wanted extra reminders sent out to late payers-Chapman said that the Village should not have to babysit the residents and Ketchum said it would be a even more work for Marsha (Reed). Decision to leave as is and table it for now and discuss it later.

B. Ketchum and Bessenbacher explained that the auditing firm wants to come in to re-do the chart of account changes once the State comes through with it.

C. Building Permits. Discussion about changing from AGS to joining with the city of Durand for those services. Prestonise suggested that he talk to Durand.

D. Prestonise gave an explanation of the Major and Local street projects that are up for approval by council. Discussion results are that three estimates are to be requested.

E. Water Repair and Maintenance account to be adjusted by \$5000.00. Motion to approve by Bessenbacher; Second by Chapman. Roll call: Bessenbacher, Chapman, Orr, Campbell, Phillips and Prestonise: All Ayes: One absent. Passed

F. Parade Permit. Discussion about Byron Family Fun day parade permit. Motion by Bessenbacher to approve parade permit; second by Chapman. No discussion. Voice Vote; all ayes. 1 absent. Passed.


G. Bessenbacher began discussion about high grass at 306 Church street property across from the Red Mill and car sitting at 321 Church Street residence. Council decided to send letters about mowing to property owners. Discussion about property for sale behind the post office. Lawn is extremely high.

Public Comments: Mary Lou Prestonise commented on painting of parking spaces.

Any Other Business from Council /Comments: Campbell's reminder about the issues that Jeremy Root wanted bought up.

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Meeting adjourned at: Motion to adjourn 7:56 pm by Bessenbacher ; seconded by Chapman. Voice
Vote: All Ayes 1 absent -Passed.


Mary Ketchum, Treasurer

8/12/19
Approval Date
President


Tony Prestonise,