

Village of Byron
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2014

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

President led Pledge of Allegiance: President Pro-Tem Prestonise Led

Roll Call – Present: Orr, Cole, Bessenbacher, Miller, Prestonise. Burack Absent, 1 Vacant Seat

Approval of Agenda: Cole Motioned to Approve Agenda, Bessenbacher Seconded. Voice Vote: All Ayes, No Nays, 1 Absent. Passed

Approval of Minutes: Cole Motioned to Approve Minutes from September 8, 2014 and September 18, 2014 Meetings, Miller Seconded. All Ayes, No Nays, 1 Absent. Passed

Treasurers Report – Tykoski read funds by line summary; total CD \$; 307,860.53 total Checking \$; 607,768.17 DDA total Checking: 18,638.98 total Savings \$; 211,303.36 with Total Funds \$ 1,145,571.04 Report to stand pending audit. Miller Motioned, Bessenbacher Seconded. Roll Call, All Ayes, No Nays, 1 Absent

Approval of Expenditures: Cole Motioned to Accept Checks 23632-23706 and EFT34, Bessenbacher Seconded. Roll Call-All Ayes, No Nays, 1 Absent. Passed

Unfinished Business:

- A. Computers/Server: Miller inquired how the Clerk and Treasurer were making out with one system. Tykoski said we are working with it and we may be over in hours on pay weeks. Bessenbacher Motioned to Table until November Meeting With Understanding to resolve at that time, Miller Seconded. All Ayes, No Nays, 1 Absent. Carried
- B. DDA Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan: Vandemark explained the last page of Plan and the importance of approving the hearing, with 20 days before end of year or they would have to wait another year. Orr said they were informed by Hathaway that they could opt out. Bessenbacher said opt out was causing a lot of confusion. Council asked why Attorney was not in attendance. Reed replied that she need prior Council approval for the cost of \$105.00 an hour and that she did not have contact information for President Pro-Tem. Bessenbacher questioned the comment from an email dated May 2013 where the Attorney stated the DDA Map seemed overly broad. Reed and Tykoski explained that the Attorney received an answer that satisfied the question. Beverly Miller, from the DDA and audience member, read the changes to the DDA Map. Bessenbacher moved to approve DDA Public Hearing and still want answers from Attorney at a Special Meeting on October 21, 2014 at 6pm., Miller Seconded. All Ayes, No Nays, 1 Absent. Carried

DPW – Report accepted as presented. Did ad in paper for Truck Bids, if not place one. Letters to be sent out for the list of junk cars provided by Granger.

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Police – Report accepted as presented. Repairs for Police Car Transmission not to exceed \$2000.00. Miller Motioned for Approval of Repairs not to exceed \$2000.00, Bessenbacher Seconded. Roll Call-All Ayes, No Nays, 1 Absent

New Business:

- A. Brandy Taylor Utility Bill: Letter stating not a business and would like Utility bill corrected to a non-business status. Bessenbacher Motioned to put Utility bill back to a Single Family and Deduct Overage from Current Bill, Orr Seconded. Roll Call-All Ayes, No Nays, 1 Absent. Passed
- B. Lawyer Contacts: Reed Presented Minutes from December 10, 2012 on who can contact Lawyer and consist of the: President, Chief of Police, Treasurer, and Clerk. Council approved continuing this way to keep cost down.
- C. Signs Directing to Village Office: Granger has sign book and will get quote for both direction and office sign. Beverly Miller, audience member and DDA Member, suggested trying Flamingo Kid. Council would like 3 quotes.
- D. Public Display Board: Granger will obtain quotes or make it a Winter Project to build one.
- E. Time Clock, New Locking File, Fax Line: Granger said he could repair time clock and has new ink rolls for it. File Cabinet: Question was asked by Bessenbacher why can't a Trustee go through the locked file cabinet. Reed and Tykoski explained that the cabinet contained sensitive material and that access is restricted for that reason, we are like the Human Resource Department. Miller agreed and added that only the Clerk, Treasurer, and President should have access to it. Fax Line: Contact Charter for rates for fax line, internet, and existing phone lines. Tabled until November Meeting.
- F. Drop Box: The need was expressed for a Payment Drop Box for the hours when closed. Granger will check for a door slot or Mail style drop box.
- G. Bob Delaney Contact and Permits: Prestonise asked how much we make on permits and does Delaney have to be the one to do them and where does permit cost come from. The answer of the County could do permits and the cost would be more. Cole responded, Delaney receives \$50.00 per permit. Orr asked what percent he gets from a \$100.00 check. Kit Brunell, audience member said that he does not get paid monthly because permits are not completed in a month. Reed stated that we have only received one invoice from him for January thru August for \$950.00 and it listed each permit. Bessenbacher suggested a Special Meeting on October 21, 2014 at 6pm with Delaney to get answers.

Committee Reports:

Cemetery – Bessenbacher reported that everything good. Prestonise as how long Matt would be working Cemetery and Granger responded sometime in October.

Planning – Nothing Reported

DDA-Vandemark said the DDA was looking for Directional Signs (ex School)

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Council Comments: Cole asked if Park Board could use the Municipal Building to hold the October 14, 2014 Meeting at 7pm. Orr motioned that they use it in inclement weather, Miller Seconded. The Motioned was Amended to include the October meeting, future meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, or inclement weather. Voice Vote All Ayes, No Nays, 1 Absent. Passed

Public Comments: Kit Brunell read a prepared statement:

I resigned this council weeks ago mainly due to the lack of integrity in some of the current councilmembers. Nevertheless, I still seem to be “fair game” and in the center of discussion among some of them.

I am here to address a very serious situation, and that would be the issue of current council members attempting to soil my reputation in this village by slanderous verbal accusations.

In the past few weeks, my phone has lit up like a Christmas tree from friends, neighbors and constituents that support me and my thoughts on how to move the village towards a more positive future. These phone conversations were to advise me that a few of the Byron council had decided to commence in spreading an unsubstantiated rumor concerning what was discussed during a recent meeting of myself and Jason Hartz, Durand Police Chief while I was in the office of President of council.

It seems that in the center of these public discussions, I have been accused of having intentions of firing the Byron police chief Tim Sampey, only to hire the Durand police chief in his place.

I am here to dispel the false rumors that some council members seem to think that they are entitled to discuss with the public even though they were not present at the meeting held with Chief Hartz or have ANY intelligence of what was actually said.

My recent meeting with Jason Hartz was at his request to discuss the demographics of the Byron Village residents to be used for and during the discussion regarding the proposal that is on the November ballot for the Shiawassee sheriff's department. This can be verified(if needed) by both village clerk and Treasurer whom provided the requested info.

I would like to caution the members of this village council on who they listen to and who they choose to spread untrue information around to other Village residents this is not professional behavior that be part of a council person and it only proves the lack of integrity of this current council.

It is time for this counsel to begin to act in a professional manner as they are expected to by the public and quit acting in the most ignorant fashion and also remember you cannot always use the ignorance excuse to cover inappropriate behaviors.

If the council does need additional discussion items regarding intentions of individuals on council towards police officers and or employees, feel free to contact me because I have many recent documented conversations by many that I would be more than happy to share with you or Rita Evans of your risk control or any attorney that is interested in taking a new case on.

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Andrew and Debra Hollaway: Rail Road Depot is private property and would like permission requested before any picture are used like the ones sold at the Post Office. Permission was not given for the use of the published photos.

Jeremy Root: Informed the Council and audience members that he was running, unopposed for County Commissioner also, he was here to support Matt Stewart, running for Shiawassee Circuit Court Judge, by handing out literature.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:32 pm Motioned by Prestonise, Seconded by Bessenbacher, All Ayes, No Nays

Marsha Reed, Clerk

Date

Tony Prestonise President Pro-Tem