

Village of Byron  
Special Council Meeting Minutes  
November 24, 2015

**Meeting called to order at:** 7:00pm

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

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as written by Berecz, seconded by Cole. Voice Vote: Berecz, Cole, Prestonise, Bessenbacher, Orr, and Brunell; Passed.

**Water Ordinance:** Brunell gave brief purpose of the ordinance before turning the floor over to Gormley. Gormley explained the changes to the water ordinance and how it works. He said he will bring the resolution for the fee schedule to the December meeting. Reed explained bank owned homes and no response to the letter asking to turn off water. Prestonise asked questions and Gormley responded. Berecz motioned to adopt the Ordinance amending Chapter 51 Water Of The Village of Byron Code Of Ordinances; Cole seconded. Roll Call: Ayes – Cole, Berecz, Prestonise, Orr, Bessenbacher, and Brunell. No Nays: passed.

**Personnel Matters:** Brunell explained employees are being instructed to do certain things and not to do certain things; the instructions need to come from the president, the office or by work order. Gormley explained how it works and council cannot give the directive. Brunell explained incident and liabilities after Prestonise asked. Prestonise explained what he told the employee. Brunell explained no response to job placement for the amount of hours and pay. Gormley said it does create a challenge and may need to rethink the position. Brunell explained the resume received from MI Talent. Prestonise talked about man from Gaines. More discussion and contracting suggested. Prestonise asked about council members hired to plow and turn money back to village. Gormley can't do it as volunteer and must pay taxes. The parameters of the position referred to the personnel committee.

Prestonise asked about foundations in the cemetery and why we can't take care of the family needs. Brunell explained the situation and said she feels that we are meeting with resistance and not receiving any input from the necessary individual. Gormley reminded the benefit split of 80/20.

**Closed session:** Brunell moved to go into closed session at 7:38 pm to discuss officer disciplinary issue; seconded by Cole. Roll Call: Ayes- Cole, Berecz, Prestonise, Orr, Bessenbacher, and Brunell. No Nays: passed.

Motioned by Brunell to reopen regular meeting at 7:49 pm; Cole seconded. Voice Vote: Ayes- Cole, Berecz, Prestonise, Orr, Bessenbacher, and Brunell. No Nays: passed.

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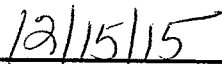
**Council Comments:** Cole asked about parking curbs and ring and suggested that t curbs go in straight. Brunell explained about Russell Brothers for sidewalk cutting. Prestonise asked about lock on dumpster, wall in back and retirement card for Sampey. Gormley talked about trash contract and made suggestions on what to do. Brunell asked about changing personnel committee meeting time; remained at 7:00 pm. Brunell asked about Rules of Procedures and asked for quote on DDA map. She explained issue with bank and apartment and who we need to contact about easement.

**Public Comments:** None

**Meeting adjourned at :** Motion to adjourn at 8:21pm by Berez and seconded by Cole. Voice Vote: Ayes- Cole, Berez, Prestonise, Orr, Bessenbacher, and Brunell. No Nays: passed.



Marsha Reed, Clerk



Date



Kit Brunell, President