

Village of Byron
Regular Council Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2010

President Musall called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

Roll Call:

Present: Musall, Cole, Boillat-Wilcox, Root, Richardson, and Franks

Absent: Miller

Boillat-Wilcox moved, Root supported, to approve the agenda with addition of June 17, 2010 minutes.

Unanimous

Boillat-Wilcox moved, Root supported, to approve the June 14, 2010 Regular Board meeting minutes and special meeting minutes of June 26, 2010 and June 17, 2010.

Unanimous

Boillat-Wilcox moved, Franks supported, to pay bills 21087-21128.

Yeas: Musall, Cole, Boillat-Wilcox, and Franks

Nays: Root and Richardson

4:3 - Pass

Public Comment:

Jennifer Root – 208 N. Church St. – Concerned about the lack of notification for Clerk Green's retirement party.

Ron Berecz – 10706 E Larhring Rd – Inquired about the council's last action about parking on village property. Also, stated he felt the letters the council had did not represent what was taking place.

Deb Berecz – 10706 E Larhring Rd – Thanked Root and Cole for planning Clerk Green's retirement party. Took issue with minutes and the minutes not specially naming the owner of the building she had mentioned the month before. Also, thanked Chief Sampey for his help family fun day and fireworks.

Ernest West – C2AE Project Manager – Presented a letter outlining the new permit requirements imposed on the Village by the DNRE during permit renewal process.

Richardson suggested that we request increasing the volume from 22 million to 25 million. West does not believe this is necessary because it is not a true limit.

Boillat-Wilcox moved, Richardson supported, to accept the NPDES Individual Permit from the DNRE as drafted for wastewater stabilization.

Yeas: Musall, Cole, Boillat-Wilcox, Root, Richardson, and Franks

Nays:

Unanimous

Boillat-Wilcox moved, Cole supported, to reappoint Sharon Granger as the Village Sexton for a term of three years.

Unanimous

Discussion: Moving Village Elections to the Township – The Council discussed moving the election to coincide with the even year state and federal election and have them conducted at the township. Several offer villages have already done this in Shiawassee County and have had a substantial cost saves with losing any control of their elections. The County Clerk also recommends this to help consolidate elections and feels eventually the state will require everyone to move to even year, general election cycles. It will be placed on the agenda for at the next meeting.

Jennifer Root – 208 N. Church St. – Was at the Byron School meeting for the discussion on moving elections. She felt the county would not force them to change elections.

Sharon Granger – expressed that the movement will come from the state level and has already began gaining momentum for the change.

Department Reports:

- A. Police – There were 33 traffic stops made and 9 tickets issued. They are also several hours under budget at this point. The Chief expressed thanks for the card from the council for his mother’s passing. He discussed the success of the family fun day.
- B. DPW – DPW Director discussed the capital improvements plan and expressed this is included in the new permit – part of this includes the fence. The president requested that it be on the next agenda.
- C. Sewer and Water- Monthly report was submitted by C2AE. We are working on easements necessary for the project, which must be completed soon in order for this project to be completed in this building season.
- D. Zoning and Planning – 303 Saginaw St application for a special business was dropped.

Root: Mention that he drafted a building use and rental policy and would like add to the agenda for the next meeting.

Richardson: Asked about work rules for the DWP and requested that the BS&A software be added to the agenda next month. Also, asked the Police Chief if we have a policy for new gun. The Chief expressed there was.

Musall: Also, requested the BS&A software and computer be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:33pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brian J Boggs,
Village Clerk

Village of Byron
Special Council Meeting Minutes – July 30, 2010

President Musall called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Roll Call:

Present: Musall, Cole (6:09), Boillat-Wilcox (6:05), Root, Richardson, Miller, and Franks

Absent:

President Musall opened the discussion with cemetery issues. Councilmen Root expressed his dissatisfaction with the current service provided and the lack of cleanup, no special attention for the holidays, and generally unkemptness.

Public Comments:

Art Sholtey – Stated he was displeased with the high weeds and should use a rear discharge mower.

Robin McNear – Felt that the grass was being blown on the markers and there was a very young girl riding a mower.

Tara McCartney – Expressed that she has to care for her own daughter's grave because no one is taking care of it.

Shirley VanWort – Feels that the condition of the cemetery is shameful.

Lucas VanWort – Offered to mow the lawn.

Vicki Murphy – Felt the headstones in the child section are being knocked over during mowing.

Tony Berecz – Stated that when he mowed the lawn he had to have workmen's compensation all employees, even his son. Also, the mowers have to take some personal pride in their work.

Kit Burnell – Thinks the cemetery looks shabby.

It was decided that a letter would be sent to the mowing contractors about these problems.

The next item of discussion was police issues. Councilman Miller asked why we have police during the day and not as much at night. Chief Sampey said that he has already been adjusting the schedule for the last two weeks.

Miller also asked about the police cruiser being outside of village limits. Sampey expressed that this is usually because of traffic, hills, and other obstructions that make pulling someone over in the village difficult and so it is done at the safest location. Sampey also stated that we have three mutual aid agreements (Argentine, Livingston County, and Shiawassee County).

Sampey expressed that he would prefer all complaints to be address with him directly and that he has an open door policy.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brian J Boggs,
Village Clerk