

**CITY OF BYRON
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023, 6:00 PM
BYRON CITY HALL**

In the absence of a Committee Chairperson, City Clerk Caryn Huber called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1. ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alderman Mike Gyorkos, Alderman Christy Hanlin, Alderman Ron Boyer

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk Caryn Huber, City Administrator Brian Brooks, Attorney Aaron Szeto, Police Chief Todd Murray, Public Works Director Aaron Vincer, Alderman Todd Isaacs, Alderman Jessica Nehring.

Alderman Hanlin motioned to nominate herself as Chairperson for tonight's meeting. Motion seconded by Alderman Boyer. Roll call vote: Hanlin, AYE; Boyer, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MAY 17, 2023 – Alderman Hanlin motioned to approve the May 17, 2023, agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Alderman Gyorkos. Roll call vote: Boyer, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE; Hanlin, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 15, 2023 – Alderman Gyorkos motioned to approve the March 15, 2023 minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Alderman Hanlin. Roll call vote: Gyorkos, AYE; Hanlin, AYE; Boyer, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.

5. POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET – The fiscal year just began so there is nothing to report yet on budget.

6. POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY & UPDATE – Chief Murray distributed the Police Department Activity for the Month of April 2023. Attorney Sosnowski has been in touch with Officer Woolbright after he left the department. He will make a training reimbursement payment this week and when he receives payment from IMRF. Attorney Sosnowski is drafting a reimbursement agreement for the remainder of the amount owed. • Officer Hankins is ahead of schedule on his field training. • Chief Murray has placed ads in the local papers and on a law enforcement website and has received six requests for applications. One potential candidate has police training. He has had several inquiries about wages. He discovered that the top of our patrolman schedule is less than the starting pay for Officer Woolbright in Crystal Lake. Several close-by communities also pay the same

or close to the same as Crystal Lake. Chief Murray stated that many police departments are looking for officers to move in laterally from other departments. Alderman Hanlin added that we need to stay competitive with our wages. Attorney Szeto stated that we will go into executive session tonight to hear a report of the first FOP negotiation meeting.

7. **SOCIAL MEDIA** – No report.
8. **ADJOURN** – Alderman Boyer motioned to adjourn. Motion seconded by Alderman Gyorkos Roll call vote: Hanlin, AYE; Boyer, AYE; Gyorkos, AYE. Motion passed: AYE, 3; NAY, 0; ABS, 0.

Alderman Hanlin adjourned the meeting at 6:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted, *Caryn A. Huber*, City Clerk of Byron, Illinois