

Byron Park District Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 20, 2023 at 6:05 p.m.

Byron Park District Board Room

1.1 Commissioner Jeffrey called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 6:05 p.m.

1.2 On roll call, the following were:

PRESENT: Commissioners Boyle, Griffith, Jeffrey, Oracki and Wilmarth.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Director Paul Zepezauer and Nick Warrner

GUESTS: None.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

3.1 BOARD AMMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None.

3.2 STAFF AMMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None.

3.3 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Commissioner Oracki made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Wilmarth seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on voice vote 5-0.

4.1 APPROVAL OF THE BINA HEARING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2023: Commissioner Boyle made a motion to approve the BINA Hearing Minutes of October 17, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Wilmarth seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on voice vote 5-0.

4.2 APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2023: Commissioner Wilmarth made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Boyle seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on voice vote 5-0.

5.1 APPROVAL OF THE TREASURERS REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2023: Director Zepezauer provided the Treasurers Report for the month ending October 31, 2023. Income Statements were reviewed. Revenue and expenses were up when compared to October of 2022 primarily due to increased programming in the areas of dance and theatre. Revenue vs. Budget and Expenses vs. Budget were reviewed. Payroll and Bank Balances were reviewed. Commissioner Oracki made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for the month ending October 31, 2023. Commissioner Wilmarth seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on voice vote 5-0.

5.2 APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR OCTOBER 2023: Commissioners reviewed the list of bills for October 2023. Commissioner Wilmarth made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Commissioner Griffith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on voice vote 5-0.

6.0 OLD BUSINESS: None.

7.1 AN ORDINANCE providing for the issuance of \$525,000 General Obligation Park Bonds Series 2023 of the Byron Park District, Ogle County, Illinois, and for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds. Director Zepezauer advised the bond is a private placement annual bond issue to be purchased by Byron Bank; four bids were received and provided. Funds will be received December 5, 2023 and repaid December 4, 2024. Money to pay the bond will be levied on the 2023 property tax bill. Commissioner Oracki made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-04. Commissioner Wilmarth seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote 5-0.

7.2 AN ORDINANCE abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2023 to pay debt service on \$3,865,000 General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020, of the Byron Park District, Ogle County, IL. Director Zepezauer advised the bond abatement documents direct the County to abate (not levy) the 2020 GO Park Bonds. The debt is funded by the issuance of annual bonds. Commissioner Griffith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-03. Commissioner Oracki seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote 5-0.

7.3 APPROVAL OF 2023 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE: Commissioners were provided the ordinance with levy amounts for each fund. Commissioner Griffith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-04. Commissioner Boyle seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a roll call vote 5-0.

7.4 APPROVAL OF DELEGATES FOR THE IAPD ANNUAL MEETING: Commissioner Oracki made a motion to nominate Commissioner Wilmarth as Delegate, Commissioner Boyle as first alternate, and Director Zepezauer as second alternate. Commissioner Griffith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a voice vote 5-0.

8.1 DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORTS: Director Zepezauer provided a 2 year history of membership and punch card daily visits. The HR/Safety Report was provided; certifications and trainings are ongoing. The Johnson Park electrical panels and parking lot lighting have been installed. Youth Basketball Leagues have begun. Fitness Classes and Personal Training continue to see solid attendance numbers. Fall Swim Lessons have concluded but we are in need of additional instructors and lifeguards; a new session is scheduled to begin in January. All Dance classes have begun rehearsing for the recital and costume orders are being processed. BDA Competition Team attended the "Turn it Up" dance convention; several dancers and instructors were recognized by the master instructors. Registration for the Turkey Trot 5K is seeing solid preregistration numbers; giveaways, trophies and shirts are ordered. Halloween on the Prairie was a success with beautiful weather and great attendance. The Pumpkin Smash was well attended; 15 dozen donuts and 9 gallons of apple cider were given out to participants! Registration for the Holiday House Decorating contest is open. Marketing for the Nutcracker is continues. The Winter Spring Program Guide is expected to be delivered shortly after Thanksgiving.

8.2 BOARD REPORTS: Commissioner Boyle reported that he had a conversation with a resident, David Hillis who had expressed concerns regarding the District's youth basketball draft process. The concern was that there was a second and third grade basketball team that only had one third grader. Director Zepezauer informed the board that he had met with both Mr. and Mrs. Hillis regarding the situation. Mr. Hillis' letter to the board was in the board packet and that the District will continue to draft teams but will implement a cap on the number of older players that one team could have moving forward when two or more age groups are combined.

9.0 CLOSED SESSION: None.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Griffith made a motion to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Commissioner Oracki seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on voice vote 5-0.

Bruce D. Boyle 12/19/23
Signature Date

Jeff Wilmarth 12-19-23
Signature Date