

BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2015

Commissioners present: Auker, Breen, Hogan, and Ludwig.

Commissioners absent: Brooks.

Staff present: Brunner, Gramer, Henkel, Herman, McCammond, and Tucker.

Guests present: Kevin Wills, First Midstate Inc. and Matt Schindler, citizen.

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

AUKER MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. BREEN – YES, BROOKS – ABSENT, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

President Hogan opened the floor to review the bond sale process. The District is receiving a better rate of .65% for 2015. Director Tucker explained that the valuation of the Exelon plant dropped from \$509M to \$482.4M. Further discussion followed.

BREEN MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 15-2 PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF \$1,370,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2015, OF THE BYRON FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT, OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF ACQUIRING LAND AND DEVELOPING FOREST PRESERVE LANDS IN AND FOR SAID DISTRICT AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO, AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID BONDS TO BYRON BANK, BYRON,

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ILLINOIS. BROOKS – ABSENT, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES,
AND HOGAN – YES.

BREEN MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE
REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15,
2014. LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, BROOKS – ABSENT, AND
HOGAN – YES.

LUDWIG MOVED AND BREEN SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE
THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2014. AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES,
BROOKS – ABSENT, LUDWIG – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

Commissioner Ludwig read the following statement: The Forest Preserve Board
and Staff have been publicly accused of not being accountable and yet I look at the end of
the year budget numbers and find that the overall budget is under budget by \$73,000.
This does not sound irresponsible or unaccountable. What seems irresponsible is how the
Forest Preserve Board and Staff have been negatively portrayed in the social media
which has no facts and no accountability.

President Hogan reminded the board of the state conference. He stated that the
updated Board policies are in the Dropbox on their iPads for their review. Director
Tucker stated that staff will review the District policies and establish a contract with
Attorney Pirages for his review and approval. President Hogan stated that it's the
Board's responsibility to update the District's policies.

There was no Bike Path Committee report.

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President Hogan opened the floor to District Department Heads to present their Staff Reports. Todd Tucker, Administrative Services Department-7:16-7:20 pm; Mark Herman, Education Department-7:20-7:23 pm-He demonstrated the spotting scope for the board. Russell Brunner, Restoration/Maintenance Department-7:23-7:29 pm-He reported that he hired Lauren Mark as the District's new Restoration Technician. Andy Gramer, Clubhouse Operations-7:29-7:38 pm-He will be scheduling a Meet the Pro Event when the remodeling of the clubhouse is complete. He is organizing a PGA Jr. League. There are 150 teams in Illinois. He is working with Exelon on sponsoring the golf carts. Matt Henkel, Golf Course Maintenance Department-7:38-7:44 pm-He met with WIFR to re-do the commercial for the golf course. The electric carts should be ready by the third week in March. Fuel contracts were discussed.

The Policy Revisions were discussed. The revisions are available in the Dropbox for review and the second reading will be at the February meeting.

BREEN MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE TAX LEVY ORDINANCE NO. 15-1 AS PRESENTED. BREEN – YES, BROOKS – ABSENT, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

BREEN MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 7:51 PM TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER SECTION 2(C)(1) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING

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HEARING TESTIMONY ON A COMPLAINT LODGED AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY AND UNDER SECTION 2(C)(11) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF PENDING, OR PROBABLE AND IMMINENT, LITIGATION AGAINST, AFFECTING, OR ON BEHALF OF THE DISTRICT. BROOKS – ABSENT, LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

BREEN MOVED AND AUKER SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:08 PM TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. LUDWIG – YES, AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, BROOKS – ABSENT, AND HOGAN – YES.

AUKER MOVED AND LUDWIG SECONDED A MOTION AT 8:09 PM TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. AUKER – YES, BREEN – YES, BROOKS – ABSENT, LUDWIG – YES, AND HOGAN – YES.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Breen, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

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