

Village of Byron
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2022

Meeting called to order at: 7:00 pm by President Bessenbacher

Pledge of Allegiance Led By: President Bessenbacher

Roll Call – Present: Bessenbacher, Campbell, Guttershon, Orr and Kinaitis. Chapman and Childers not in attendance. Clerk Reed was absent. Minutes taken by Treasurer Ketchum.

Approval of Agenda: Bessenbacher requests and addition to the agenda; Under Old Business add the Letter E: Resolution for the Village of Byron to purchase property at the end on N. Ann Street. Motion to approve agenda with change; Campbell. Second: Kinaitis. All Ayes: None opposed. Passed.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from March 14, 2022 and March 28, 2022 meetings. Motion to Approve: Guttersohn; Second Kniaitis. All Ayes. Passed.

Public Comments – Agenda Items: Dan Hulett requested clarification of ORV ordinance. Several complaints about local kids who rode vehicles around the roads, lawns and church property-very loud and all day long over the weekend. Many complaints to Village President from neighbors living around the area where the incidents occurred. Explanations by Police Chief Jason Hartz and Attorney John Gormley. Discussion continued regarding driver ages, where and when different types of vehicles can or cannot be operated as well as regulations regarding vehicle head/tail lights and street-legal machines. Discussion continued with additional comments by others in attendance.

Debbie Humphrey explained that she would like possession of a cemetery plot in the Byron Cemetery by a person in her family who passed away without leaving cemetery plot in ownership of anyone in the family. John Gormley explained that she would have to go through Small Probate to clear the title to the plot-will have to contact all surviving family members and have them sign off their claim to the property. Claim form is Small Probate form # PC 598.

Representative from the church that has their sign on the property being purchased by Village at the end of N. Ann Street: will move the sign just wanted to know when it had to be off the property. Dan Warren, DPW said there was no hurry because nothing would be done to the property for a couple of years, but John Gormley suggested that since the sign is actually sitting in the road "right-of-way" it does present a potential problem if someone were to run off the end of the road. Suggests moving the sign in as timely a manner as possible.

Treasurers Report –Ketchum read the monthly financial report. Motion by Campbell to accept report to pending audit; seconded by Guttersohn. No discussion. Roll Call: all Ayes. Passed.

Approval of Bills-Report read by Campbell: Roll Call: Motion to accept bills, pending audit, by KINAITIS Second by Guttersohn. Roll call: all Ayes. Passed.

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Committee Reports:

Police Report: Read by Guttersohn.

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DPW Report: Read by Dan Warren.

Item #1: Purchase 40 yds. shoulder stone from Royalty -\$1760.00: Motion: Guttersohn; Second: Kinaitis. Roll Call: All Ayes. Passed

Item #2: Council must decide which new police vehicle to purchase so that Dan can continue on with the grant application. Discussion pertaining to pros/cons of different types of vehicles. Decision to purchase Silverado pickup truck # 1005-POL. Motion: Kinaitis; Second Guttersohn. All in favor, say "Aye". None opposed. Passed.

Item #3: Doors on Municipal Building. Building inspector says that the door on front of building can swing inward so no further problem with the cement outside. Purchase doors and work on garage overhead door from Door Mart in Durand for \$2400.00. Motion: Kinaitis; Second: Campbell. Roll Call: all Ayes. Passed. Attorney mentioned that the front steps are not regulation, and therefore a hazard.

Item # 4: Have put new tires on DPW Pickup truck.

Item #5: Have put new tires on police car.

Item #6: Waiting on estimates for road work for this year. How much does the Village want to spend on roads? Dan Warren requests a special meeting on this issue so that he can get the Village on schedules for road work.

Item #7: Hiring someone to help weed-wack in the cemetery. Discussed hourly rate of pay and hours to work. To be posted in paper and on website: position of cemetery assistant for \$14.00/hr and up to 30 hours per week. Motion: Kinaitis; Second: Guttersohn. Roll Call: All Ayes. Passed.

#8: Purchase of new Stihl Weed-wacker for \$402.78 from D&G. Motion: Gutterson. Second: Kinaitis. Roll Call: All Ayes. Passed.

Item #9: Sidewalk from Matador Pizza to corner at Maple Steet. Hulett estimate of \$23,000.00, half to be paid by DDA. Motion to approve \$11,600.00 by Kinaitis; Second: Guttersohn. Roll Call: All Ayes. Passed.

Item #10: Synopsis of on-going and upcoming work around Village.

Cemetery Report: None.

DDA: None.

Commissioner Report: Brad Howard: Bancroft DDA: MEDC Certification. County Courthouse to be revamped and remodeled.

911 Commission Report: Campbell reported the purchase of new radios and updated tornado response equipment.

Old Business: **A. Police Contracts.** Quotes from police departments other than Durand: Have no quotes as of yet due to the fact that the clerk has been out ill. Discussion revealed that other police agencies in other counties may have systems different and/or incompatible with Shiawassee County. Also, in Shiawassee County, only Durand and Owosso have police departments that are "24 hour" staffed. Decision was made to stay with Durand Police Department at new rate of \$34,000.00 for the first year. Motion: Guttershon; Second: Bessenbacher. Roll Call: All Ayes. Passed.

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B. Door Quotes: Discussed and voted on during DPW report.

C. Painting Quote: Revised quote for walls in meeting room and office: Motion to accept quote of \$500.32.; Guttersohn; Second: Campbell. Roll Call; All ayes. Passed.

D. Storage Disposal -Quotes. No quotes due to Clerk being out of office due to illness. Dan Warren suggested that the old paperwork pertaining to sewer/water systems etc, can be stored in the well house. Table decision until next meeting.

E. Purchase of Property on Ann Street: Resolution to purchase presented by John Gormley. Motion to accept Campbell; Second: Kinaitis.

New Business

A. Returned Checks/NSF-Discussion; \$45.00 penalty for NSF checks to be applied for each and every time a check comes back. John Gormley explained that after the third time a check comes back legal action can be taken.

Public Comments: None.

Any Other Business from Council /Comments: Campbell reported that he received a complaint about an unleashed dog belonging to a business owner on main street menacing a school-aged child two times when he was trying to pass the business to get home. Advise is to call the police and even animal control. Ketchum explained intention to pay invoices in the month that they are due, rather than paying them as soon as they arrive into the office. With all the new expenditure coming up, she feels that it will assist cash flow better.

Meeting adjourned at: Motion to adjourn 8:20pm by Bessenbacher; Second by Guttersohn. All ayes.

Mary Ketchum, Treasurer

Approval Date

Vicki Bessenbascher, President

Mary Reed
Clerk

5/9/2022

Vicki Bessenbascher