

DDA and Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Byron Municipal Building
November 18, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Vice Chairperson Dickinson

Roll Call – Present: Baker-Murph, Bessenbacher, Bowers, Miller, Bailey, Brittain, Russell and Dickinson. Absent at time of Roll Call: Vandemark. Total 8 members were present with 1 absent (Vandemark). Also present, Attorney Christopher S. Johnson of Gormley and Johnson Law Offices, PLC, hereinafter referred to as Attorney Johnson.

Agenda Approval: Brittain brought up Future Projects and Dickinson wanted to add a discussion about the Shiawassee River Trail Coalition. Miller motioned to approve agenda (with additions) for 11/18/2021. Seconded by Baker-Murph. Voice Vote. Ayes: Bailey, Miller, Bessenbacher, Bowers, Russell, Brittain, Baker-Murph, and Dickinson. No Nays. Motion passed.

Minutes Approval: Bessenbacher motioned to approve minutes of 10/21/2021 meeting. Seconded by Bailey. Voice Vote. Ayes: Bessenbacher, Bailey, Bowers, Russell, Miller, Baker-Murph, Brittain, and Dickinson. No Nays. Motion passed.

Communications: Dickinson shared that Vandemark had completed the MEDC documents and that he had reached out to different resources regarding grants and other town projects.

Financial Status Report/Payment of Bills: Miller reported balance as of 10/29/2021 as \$33,541.65 per bank statement and Village financial records. One bill was presented for payment: 1) \$243.00 to the Village of Byron for clerk, treasurer, and recording secretary wages for August and September.

Baker-Murph motioned to pay the bill as presented. Seconded by Bowers. Roll call vote. Ayes: Bailey, Bessenbacher, Bowers, Russell, Miller, Baker-Murph, Brittain, and Dickinson. No Nays. 1 absent (Vandemark). Motion Passed.

Dickinson accepted the financial report pending audit.

Future Projects: Brittain mentioned the downtown area is not very bright. He suggested replacing the current lights with LED lights. Miller said that may be under the control of Consumers. Bessenbacher said she would discuss it with Dan.

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Shiawassee River Trail Coalition: Dickinson wants to recommend that the Village of Byron join the Coalition. Dickinson shared the following reasons why he wants to the Village to join:

- 1) Promotes coordination and cooperation of municipalities and other community groups.
- 2) Gives Byron two votes within the organization, with the Village and the DDA each having a seat.
- 3) The goals of the Coalition are: educating the public about the river, pursuing funding to improve access, monitoring the health/quality of the river, and facilitating safe use of the river.

Miller recommended the Village of Byron join the Coalition for the above reasons. Seconded by Dickinson. Voice Vote. Ayes: Bowers, Russell, Bailey, Bessenbacher, Miller, Baker-Murph, Brittain, and Dickinson. No Nays. Motion Passed.

Any Other Business: None.

Public and Board Member Comments/Adjournment: Brittain asked Miller if there is a website in regards to the Christmas activities happening in Byron. Miller said not really. Russell asked Miller about flyers for the "Christmas in the Village" and Miller said she needs to print them. Miller requested that the DDA members attend the event.

Attorney Johnson asked Bessenbacher where the Village was with making their website compliant. Bessenbacher said she thought the MEDC would help with that. Attorney Johnson listed the items that need to be updated.

Miller motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Russell. Adjourned at 6:27 pm.


Kelsey Springer, Recording Secretary

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Rob Vandemark, Chairperson