

DDA and Planning Commission Meeting Minutes  
Byron Municipal Building  
January 21, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:20 pm by Chairperson Vandemark

**Roll Call** – Present: Bailey, Miller, Baker-Murph, Dickinson and Vandemark. Absent at time of Roll Call: Bowers. Total 5 members were present via Zoom, due to covid, with 1 absent (Bowers), 1 deceased (Prestonise) and 2 vacant seats. Also present, Attorney Christopher S. Johnson of Gormley and Johnson Law Offices, PLC, hereinafter referred to as Attorney Johnson. Also present, 3 guests.

During Roll Call each member stated the following:

Chris Dickinson: “Meeting virtually via zoom because of covid from my home in Argentine”

Beverly Miller: “Meeting virtually via zoom because of covid from my office in the Village of Byron”

Libby Bailey: “Meeting virtually via zoom because of covid from my home in the Village of Byron”

Debra Baker-Murph: “Meeting virtually via zoom because of covid from my home in the Village of Byron”

Rob Vandemark: “Meeting virtually via zoom because of covid from my office in the Village of Byron”

**Agenda Approval:** Dickinson motioned to approve agenda for 01/21/2021. Seconded by Bailey. Roll call vote. Ayes: Dickinson, Baker-Murph, Bailey, Miller, and Vandemark. No Nays. 1 absent (Bowers) & 2 open seats. Motion passed.

**Minutes Approval:** Miller motioned to approve minutes of 11/19/2020 meeting. Seconded by Dickinson. Roll call Vote. Ayes: Bailey, Dickinson, Miller, Baker-Murph and Vandemark. No Nays. 1 absent (Bowers) & 2 open seats. Motion passed.

**Communications:** Miller shared that the DDA received a Christmas card from Gormley and Johnson Law Offices, PLC. Miller also shared that Gormley and Johnson Law Offices, PLC raised their hourly billing rate from \$140 to \$150.

Bob Cassidy, one of the guests in attendance, is the Superintendent of Byron schools. He shared his previous work experience and his ties to Byron through family and friends. Vandemark shared some of the previous projects the DDA has partnered with the school on and hopes that relationship will continue.

Keely Russell, another guest in attendance, is the current owner of what was formerly the dentist office in downtown Byron. She is now turning the space into a salon. She shared she wants to be more involved in the community.

**Election of Officers:** Miller motioned to keep the officers the same as they currently are. Seconded by Baker-Murph. Roll call Vote. Ayes: Dickinson, Baker-Murph, Bailey, Miller and Vandemark. 1 absent (Bowers) & 2 open seats. Motion passed.

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**Update 2020-2021 Budget:** Members discussed the attached budget report. The DDA needs to amend the budget for two expenditures that went over budget, DDA Supplies Expense and DDA Publishing Expense. Vandemark suggested adjusting the budget by lowering the Fund Raising Expense to \$1766 and put \$234 towards the items that were over budget. Miller also said the \$1010 under Professional Services Expense should be moved to Village/Other Projects. Vandemark motioned to present the amended budget to the Village of Byron for approval. Seconded by Dickinson. Roll call vote. Ayes: Miller, Dickinson, Baker-Murph, Bailey and Vandemark. No Nays. 1 absent (Bowers) & 2 open seats. Motion Passed.

**Create 2021-2022 Budget:** Members discussed keeping the budget the same except for increasing the DDA Audit Expense to \$750. Vandemark motioned to present the proposed budget to the Village of Byron for approval. Seconded by Dickinson. Roll call vote. Ayes: Dickinson, Miller, Baker-Murph, Bailey and Vandemark. No Nays. 1 absent (Bowers) & 2 open seats. Motion Passed.

**Any other business:** None.

**Public and Board Member Comments/Adjournment:** Miller offered sympathies and condolences to the family of Tony Prestonise. She said "he will be missed". Dickinson welcomed the DDA guest, Bob Cassidy, to the community.

Baker-Murph motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Bailey. Adjourned at 7:23 pm.

  
Kelsey Springer, Recording Secretary

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Rob Vandemark, Chairperson