

DDA and Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Byron Municipal Building
October 21, 2021 (Unapproved)

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm by Chairperson Vandemark

Roll Call – Present: Baker-Murph, Bessenbacher, Miller, Bailey, Brittain, Russell and Vandemark. Absent at time of Roll Call: Bowers and Dickinson. Total 7 members were present with 2 absent (Bowers and Dickinson). Also present, Attorney Christopher S. Johnson of Gormley and Johnson Law Offices, PLC, hereinafter referred to as Attorney Johnson.

Agenda Approval: Bessenbacher motioned to approve agenda for 10/21/2021. Seconded by Baker-Murph. Voice Vote. Ayes: Bailey, Miller, Bessenbacher, Russell, Brittain, Baker-Murph, and Vandemark. No Nays. Motion passed.

Minutes Approval: Baker-Murph motioned to approve minutes of 9/16/2021 meeting. Seconded by Bessenbacher. Voice Vote. Ayes: Bessenbacher, Bailey, Russell, Miller, Baker-Murph, Brittain, and Vandemark. No Nays. Motion passed.

Financial Status Report/Payment of Bills: Miller reported balance as of 9/30/2021 as \$33,618.88 per bank statement and Village financial records. Two bills were presented for payment: 1) \$321.75 to the Village of Byron for clerk, treasurer, and recording secretary wages for June and July. 2) \$546.70 for purple and yellow flags with poles.

Bessenbacher motioned to purchase the flags with money earned from fundraisers. Seconded by Bailey. Roll call vote. Ayes: Bailey, Bessenbacher, Russell, Miller, Baker-Murph, Brittain, and Vandemark. No Nays. 2 absent (Bowers and Dickinson). Motion Passed.

Bessenbacher motioned to reimburse Debra Baker-Murph for purchasing the flags. Seconded by Russell. Roll call vote: Ayes: Miller, Bailey, Bessenbacher, Russell, Brittain, and Vandemark. Abstain: Baker-Murph. No Nays. 2 absent (Bowers and Dickinson). Motion Passed.

Vandemark accepted the financial report pending audit.

Communications: Vandemark shared that the Shiawassee River Coalition is having an informational meeting on October 24th, at 6:30 pm.

MEDC update: The Village of Byron has approved to work with the MEDC (Michigan Economic Development Corporation). Part of the MEDC is the Redevelopment Ready Committee, who can help with the Village's website, marketing, paperwork, etc.

Vandemark mentioned having a special meeting between the Village and the MEDC representatives.

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Discuss future projects: Bessenbacher mentioned sidewalks. She asked if the DDA would like to contribute funds to the project. She received a quote for \$22,000 for one side. Miller mentioned a way finding sign. Vandemark said the MEDC may be able to help with that. Vandemark mentioned welcome signs and installing a sidewalk/riverwalk by the river. He received a vague list of property owners. Miller suggested talking to whoever installed something similar in the town of Linden. Vandemark asked members about getting quote and zoning information.

Attorney Johnson asked if the DDA wanted to add any projects regarding the Bicentennial Celebration to the Development Plan. Vandemark said upgrading the park would be great but that falls more in the court of the Village, not the DDA.

Any Other Business: Miller mentioned Christmas in the Village and asked if the DDA wanted to get involved. She shared that it is hosted by the Byron Chamber of Commerce and she listed some of the activities included.

Springer (recording secretary) mentioned upcoming terms expiring.

Miller motioned to recommend to the Village Council to renew terms for Libby Bailey and Rob Vandemark. Seconded by Bessenbacher. Voice Vote. Ayes: Baker-Murph, Miller, Bessenbacher, Bailey, Russell, Brittain, and Vandemark. No Nays. Motion Passed.

Public and Board Member Comments/Adjournment: None.

Russell motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Bessenbacher. Adjourned at 7:11 pm.


Kelsey Springer, Recording Secretary

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Chris Dickinson Vice Chair
~~Rob Vandemark, Chairperson~~ person