

Village of Byron  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2023

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

**Pledge of Allegiance Led By:** President Bessenbacher

**Roll Call – Present:** Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn and Bessenbacher. Warren, Ketchum and Attorney John Gormley present. McDowell and Orr absent.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda, by Guttersohn; seconded by Campbell. Voice Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn and Bessenbacher. McDowell and Orr absent. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Approval of January 9, 2023 minutes as written; motion by Guttersohn and seconded by Kinaitis. Voice Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn and Bessenbacher Nays: None. McDowell and Orr Absent. Motion Passed.

**Public Comments-Agenda Items:** None

**Treasurers Report** –Ketchum read report. Bessenbacher motioned to accept report pending audit; seconded by Guttersohn. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. McDowell and Orr absent. Motion Passed.

**Approval of Bills:** Campbell reported total of 65 Checks with 106E-107E and 27845-27907 with 2 voided for a total of \$73,823.11. Guttersohn motioned to pay the bills; seconded by Kinaitis. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. McDowell and Orr absent. Motion Passed

**Bills Awaiting Approval (Blue Folder)-** Guttersohn motioned to pay the 2 bills, totaling \$17,442.46; seconded by Chapman. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. McDowell and Orr absent. Motion Passed

**Committee Reports:** None

**Police Report-** Guttersohn read report.

**DPW Report** –Warren read report. Guttersohn motioned to approve \$650.00 for Michigan Electric to install new stop light; seconded by Kinaitis. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. McDowell and Orr absent. Motion Passed.

**Cemetery Report:** None

**DDA Report:** None

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**Commissioner Report:** Howard said it was approved to move the courts and staff so the courts could be remodeled all at once. Michigan State to pay public defenders so pay equal. Hired replacement people and a new police care purchased.

**911 Commission:** Campbell reported the quotes made for parking light and fence in back. New hookup for sewer to stop flooding. Can now text 911.

**Old Business:**

**Park:** Gormley explained the park history and explained how authority could be formed. School and Village cannot do it because of tax. Gormley added that Village budget very tight and there are some grants School cannot go after but Village could. He suggested reaching out to township because they could tax.

**Z Solutions – Replacement IT Company:** Guttersohn started a motion and amended it to say: approval to hire Z Solution for new IT company for \$1,435.00: seconded by Kinaitis. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. McDowell and Orr absent. Motion Passed

**New Business:**

**Byron Chamber of Commerce - Membership:** Campbell motioned to pay membership fee of \$15.00 for Byron Chamber of Commerce: seconded by Chapman. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. McDowell and Orr absent. Motion Passed

**Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition – Membership:** Kinaitis explained what they do and recommended joining. Kinaitis started a motion with no second. No action. Bessenbacher explained about the gauge on Maple Street bridge and the cost to keep it, no action taken. Bessenbacher motioned Rob Vandemark as River Coalition leader; seconded by Guttersohn. Voice Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. McDowell and Orr absent. Motion Passed.

**Council Meeting Dates/Phone Numbers:** Guttersohn motioned to approved dates and numbers; seconded by Campbell. Voice Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. McDowell and Orr absent. Motion Passed.

**Wage and Salary Resolution:** Ketchum asked for a raise and Kinaitis motioned to take the treasurer to \$20.00 starting after the February 22<sup>nd</sup> payroll; seconded by Chapman. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. McDowell and Orr absent. Motion Passed.

**2022 – 2023 Revised Budget – All Funds:** Guttersohn motion to accept the revised 22-23 budget; seconded by Campbell. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. McDowell and Orr absent. Motion Passed.

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**Open Public Hearing:** Opened at 7:52 pm

2023 – 2024 budget presented. No public comments.  
Hearing closed at 7:56 pm

**Adopt 2023 – 2024 Budget:** Campbell motioned to approve the requested 23 – 24 budget; seconded by Guttersohn. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. McDowell and Orr absent. Motion Passed. Guttershon motioned to adopt the 23 – 24 budget; seconded by Chapman. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. McDowell and Orr absent. Motion Passed.


**General Appropriations Act 2023 – 2024:** Motion by Campbell to approve the 23 – 24 General Appropriations Act; seconded by Chapman. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. McDowell and Orr absent. Motion Passed.

**Public Comments:** D. Glenn talked about the library, coffee shop and park. Gave suggestions on how to make it the center of the community. B. Mickelson asked when asphalt starting and Bessenbacher said not known. Pastor John talked about the water gauge and how useful it is. M. Prestonise asked Kinaitis about wearing his hat.


**Any Other Business from Council /Comments:** Ketchum explained Reed’s 3-year work on Chart of Accounts and State added more changes. Reed thanked the council for new IT company and passing budget. Bessenbacher explained meeting discussing property on the corner and will keep us updated.

**Items For Next Agenda:** None

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 8:09pm; motioned by Guttersohn and seconded by Bessenbacher.

  
Marsha Reed, Clerk

3/13/23  
Date

  
Vicki Bessenbacher, President