

Village of Byron  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
June 13, 2022

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

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

**Roll Call – Present:** Kinaitis, Childers, Campbell, Guttersohn, Orr and Bessenbacher. Attorney Johnson and Carol Jones present. Chapman and Ketchum absent.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the amended agenda by Guttersohn; seconded by Kinaitis. Voice Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Childers, Campbell, Guttersohn, Orr and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Absent: Chapman. Motion Passed. Agenda amended to add Event Permit (B) new business.

**Approval of Minutes:** Approval of May 9, 2022 minutes as written; motion by Guttersohn and seconded by Campbell. Voice Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Childers, Campbell, Guttersohn, Orr and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Absent: Chapman. Motion Passed.

**Public Comments-Agenda Items:** Deisler spoke about running for District 5 Commissioner and gave some history about himself.

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

**Approval of Bills:** Campbell reported total of 50 Checks (27497-27546) for a total of \$61,087.30. Childers motioned to pay the bill; seconded by Kinaitis. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Childers, Campbell, Guttersohn, Orr and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Absent: Chapman. Motion Passed

**Bills Awaiting Approval (Blue Folder)-** Campbell said one bill in folder for a total of \$708.00. Reed said that there is an opt out on defense fund of \$64.00. Motion to pay by Campbell \$708.00 minus \$64.00 for a total of \$644.00; seconded by Orr. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Childers, Campbell, Guttersohn, Orr and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Absent: Chapman. Motion Passed

**Committee Reports:** Budget- Reed asked for amendment approval totaling \$1,830.00 and explained that like everyone else, budget is tight and we need to be careful on spending. Motion to approve made by Guttersohn; seconded by Childers. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Childers, Campbell, Guttersohn, Orr and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Absent: Chapman. Motion Passed.

**Police Report-** Guttersohn read report.

**DPW Report** – Warren read report and explained that by-pass valves and connections at station 3 which would prevent spills and undo wear on pumps. Motion by Guttersohn to approve purchase of bypass

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valves and connections for \$15,680.00 for station 3; seconded by Kinaitis. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Childers, Campbell, Guttersohn, Orr and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Absent: Chapman. Motion Passed Hydrant flushing for winterizing will take place October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Mailings will be sent and posted on website and municipal board.

**Cemetery Report:** Mary Lou, Sexton, asked about grave transfer of family member to parent's grave and was told ok to do. She also asked about compensation for a wrongly measured grave done many years ago and Johnson said no compensation because she has no loss. Discussion on how long flags should stay on graves and it was agreed 4<sup>th</sup> of July. This will start next year. Question on benches on sites-no rules against and if it becomes a problem, it will be addressed later.

**DDA Report:** Johnson explained development plan and the process that take place. He said he could not find the resolution on the website and after 3 tries he found it. He suggested redoing the project. Discussion took place on the subject and council members asked Reed questions on the number of requests received about the document and Reed said none. Kinaitis said then let's move on to the hearing. Johnson said he added an alternate Ordinance with some language changes or if DDA and Council want to come up with their own options using TIFA Funds. Hearing opened at 7:56 pm and Vandemark asked about number 16 in alternate Ordinance and Johnson explained. Vandemark answered the projects question a resident asked. Miller added the DDA cannot do anything unless approved. Hearing closed at 8:00 pm. Kinaitis motioned to approve the alternate Ordinance; seconded by Guttersohn. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Childers, Campbell, Guttersohn, Orr and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Absent: Chapman. Motion Passed

**Commissioner Report:** Brad Howard absent

**911 Commission:** None

**Old Business:**

**Erik Jones:** Johnson explained that the foundation was not local and it needs to show local ties to the community and proceeded to ask Carol Jones, Vice President of Erik Jones Foundation questions. Carol said that Erik went to Byron schools and I still live in Byron. Johnson asked who is President and Carol said Erik is. Carol Jones also explained what Erik would like to promote: reading, cancer and animal welfare. Johnson said with Erik as President, Carol Jones as Vice President, living in and going to school in Byron creates ties to the community and you can move forward with the resolution. \*\* Page from Johnson will be included with the minutes. Motion by Orr to move forward with the resolution for the Erik Jones foundation; seconded by Childers. Voice Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Childers, Campbell, Guttersohn, Orr and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Absent: Chapman. Motion Passed.

**New Business:**

**Programmable Signs:** No Action

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**Event Permits:** Bessenbacher explained the permit and Guttersohn motion to approve the Byron Family Fun Day Parade; seconded by Childers. Voice Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Childers, Campbell, Guttersohn, Orr and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Absent: Chapman. Motion Passed

**Public Comments:** None

**Any Other Business from Council /Comments:** Campbell said Fireworks Committee would like 2 officers for July 9, 2022 for traffic control.

**Items For Next Agenda:** None

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 8:20 pm; motioned by Bessenbacher and seconded by Guttersohn.



Marsha Reed, Clerk



Date



Vicki Bessenbacher, President

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Suggested Segment to include in Official Minutes Regarding Erik Jones Foundation Matter:

Carol Jones appeared before the Council to answer questions about the Foundation. Carol indicated that she is the Vice President of the Erik Jones Foundation. The Foundation has a mission to promote three causes close to the heart of its founder, Erik Jones. The Foundation recently associated with a service organization in Birch Run, Michigan for a fund raising event and wished to associate locally with the Village to continue fund raising. Carol said she continues to live in the Byron area as she has for years. She serves as the Vice President of the Erik Jones Foundation and regularly conducts business on behalf of the Foundation out of her home just outside the Village. Her son, Erik Jones, is a long-time resident of the Byron area who graduated from Byron Schools. Erik serves as the Foundation President. Carol indicated that Erik Jones and the Foundation have conducted events in Byron in the past and the Foundation intends to conduct other events in the future.

Byron DDA Chairperson, Rob Vandemark indicated that the Foundation's President travels frequently and promotes the Village of Byron and the local area each week when he races around the country.