

Village of Byron  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
November 8, 2021

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

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

**Roll Call – Present:** Bessenbacher, Chapman, Campbell, Guttershon and Kinaitis. Orr and Childers not in attendance. Clerk Reed was absent. Minutes taken by Treasurer Ketchum.

**Approval of Agenda:** Bessenbacher requests and addition to the agenda; Under Old Business add the Letter B: Reconsider payment of the bill for the Phillips house. Motion to accept agenda with the change made by Campbell, Second by Guttersohn. All Ayes: None opposed. Passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the October 11, 2021 and October 26, 2021 meetings. Guttersohn moved to approve Minutes; seconded by Campbell. No further discussion. All Ayes. Passed.

**Public Comments – Agenda Items:** None.

**David Lossing: Shiawassee River Trail.** Spoke about the purpose and the work done by the Coalition and invited the Village of Byron to consider joining the Coalition. No cost to join, each entity will have representatives that will attend the meetings/educational segments and will have a vote on the issues at hand. Representative of the Village does not have to be a council member.

**Treasurers Report** –Ketchum Explained the ARPA and how the funds are going to be distributed and also explained about the new SIGMA system of payment; EFT payments directly into the VOB bank account for the State of Michigan including Act 51 payments and Revenue Sharing payments. The ARPA funds from the Federal Government will flow through the State of Michigan SIGMA system and the Treasurer has access to the VSS (Vendor Self Service) System which details each EFT payment from the State. Ketchum read the monthly financial report. Motion by Guttersohn to accept report to pending audit; seconded by Kinaitis. No discussion. Roll Call: Ayes- Campbell, Chapman, Bessenbacher, Guttersohn and Kinaitis. Passed.

**Approval of Bills**-Report read by Campbell: Roll Call: Motion to accept bills, pending audit, by Chapman, Second by Campbell. Roll call: Ayes-Chapman, Guttershon, Campbell, Kinaitis, Bessenbacher. No Nays. Passed.

**Blue Folder Pre-Approval of bills:** Read By Campbell. Motion to approve payment by Guttersohn, second by Kinaitis. Roll Call: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Guttersohn, Chapman, Bessenbacher. No Nays. Passed.

**Committee Reports:** Agenda item to form a Village Advisory Committee. Bessenbacher requests table until next month due to two members of the council being absent.

**Police Report:** Read by Guttersohn.

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**DPW Report:** Read by Dan Warren.

**Cemetery Report:** Read by Bessenbacher.

**DDA:** No report.

**Commissioner Report:** No commissioner present/ no report read.

**911 Commission Report:** Campbell reported the purchase of more powerful radio equipment; and meeting dates changed to quarterly rather than bi-monthly.

**Old Business:** A. **CPL addition to handbook.** Explained by John Gormley. Motion to support by Guttersohn: Second by Chapman. All ayes.

B. **Reconsideration of payment for Phillips house sewer work.** President Bessenbacher explained that ex-council member Michela Phillips has been issuing threats against Village of Byron council members, has been barred from Facebook for using filthy language. Does the council still want to reimburse 50% of the total bill in view of her reaction? Discussion ensued and council persons Guttersohn, Chapman and Kinaitis felt that still paying the 50% of the bill fell in line with what the Village would have paid if Phillips had followed correct procedures. 50% of the original bill will be paid.

**New Business**

- A. **On-Line Bill Paying:** Gormley discussed ways to accomplish this and suggested a list of all bills that are being paid automatically | each month without pre-approval. Possibly average out payments over a year. Contact BS&A about setting this up.
- B. **DEQ Violation:** Dan Warren explained that there was no actual violation just an incorrect report filed. Has been rectified with no penalty.
- C. **PDF Converter.** Brady's Business Service quotes. Tabled until next month for presentation by Clerk.
- D. **Website Information.** IT Right is no longer offering website maintenance. Issue tabled until next month when Clerk can present.

**Public Comments:** Brian Mickelson asked questions about the dam.

**Any Other Business from Council /Comments:** Campbell asked whether the council was considering Joining the River Water Trail organization. Gormley suggested table the issue and add to New Business for next month. Kinaitis said he would read through the proposals from the vendors and give as report next month.

**Meeting adjourned at:** Motion to adjourn 8:02 pm by Bessenbacher: Second by Guttersohn. All ayes.

Mary Ketchum, Treasurer



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Vicki Bessenbascher, President



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