

Village of Byron
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2022

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, Childers, Orr and Bessenbacher. John Gormley, Attorney and his new associate, Chris Parks present. Warren absent.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the amended agenda (Old Business: Correct Typo December 8, 2014 Minutes; emergency spending and New Business 140 S Saginaw) by Guttersohn; seconded by Childers. Voice Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn, Childers, Orr and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of September 12, 2022 minutes as written; motion by Guttersohn and seconded by Campbell. Voice Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn, Childers, Orr and Bessenbacher Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Public Comments-Agenda Items: Burns Township: Casey Glass, Wade Prestonise and Shirley Riley came and talked about the plans to build a new hall on property located by Dollar General. They each explained the need and how it would encourage more kids to Byron with the new library and it would add security to the school by removing the library. Township will be taking over the care of the Union Plains Cemetery and will need storage for the cemetery records. The land has not been purchased at this time because they need some information on rezoning etc. See attached sheets at the end of the minutes for more details.

Treasurers Report –Ketchum read report. Guttersohn motioned to accept report pending audit; seconded by Kinaitis. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn, Childers, Orr and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Motion Passed. Ketchum said received treasury communication and doesn't know if we will receive any more funds. Taxes submitted to county and 14% delinquent. Refuse fee if we collect all we will fall approximately \$400.00 short of what company is billing in fuel charges. Personal delinquent taxes and how does council want me to collect. Gormley said go by his recommendation from last year.

Approval of Bills: Campbell reported total of 40 Checks with 99E-100E and 27690 - 27227 for a total of \$41,788.81. Childers motioned to pay the bill; seconded by Campbell. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn, Childers, Orr and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Motion Passed

Bills Awaiting Approval (Blue Folder)- None

Committee Reports: Budget: Reed explained the amendments for \$9,170.00. Kinaitis motioned to approve the requested amendments for \$9,170.00; seconded by Chapman. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn, Childers, Orr and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Motion Passed

Police Report- Guttersohn read report.

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DPW Report –Bessenbacher started to read the report and Reed asked to speak. She said she was done with the budget when Mr. Warren can ask the attorney for permission to buy the sensor out of “his” equipment fund and clearly it is not a piece of equipment. It can not be used in any other fund and general fund is not part of the equipment fund and just to make sure I checked with the auditor. She went on to explain a few more points and said have Mr. Warren take over the budget since he seems to know so much about it. Gormley said a review of an employee, the employee needs to be present and the employee can select in public or close doors. Bessenbacher read the rest of the report. Sensor is tabled until spring.

Cemetery Report: Reed read report and explained the need for new toner for cemetery printer cost for 1-\$72.89 and 2-\$139.89. Childers motion to approve the cost for one at \$72.89 and Kinaitis seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn, Childers, Orr and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

DDA Report: Bessenbacher recommended Jan Amsterburg to the DDA board; seconded by Orr. Voice Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn, Childers, Orr and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Commissioner Report: Howard said we are having a dedication ceremony for one wing of offices in the Veteran’s building on October29th and all are welcome to attend. He said they need a new coordinator and have hired a firm to search for the person with the perimeters of the position.

911 Commission: Campbell said the last month’s meeting was cancelled because of a sewer leak. Computer updates: Dell quote accepted. Looking in parking light quotes for safety measures

Old Business:

December 8, 2014 Minutes: Typo Correction: Reed noticed a typo in the emergency spending amount and Gormley said it could be corrected with a motion. Campbell motioned to correct the typo of \$500.00 to the correct amount of \$5000.00 for emergency spending for the President in the December 8, 2014 Minutes; seconded by Chapman. Voice Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn, Childers, Orr and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

New Business:

Village Halloween Hours: Motion by Kinaitis for Village Halloween Hours to be from 6 pm-8pm on Monday, October 31, 2022; seconded by Chapman. Voice Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn, Childers, Orr and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

140 S Saginaw: Buyer would like it rezoned and Gormley explained the process

Public Comments: K. Mickelson asked how we get the word out about council member that is a write in on ballot and Shirley Riley explained. Mary Lou talked about the barricades and how they were not correctly placed. Bessenbacher explained procedure Mary Lou suggested detour sign.

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Any Other Business from Council /Comments: Guttersohn asked if Gormley would be at all of our meetings from now on and Gormley said he will try unless he double booked. Campbell asked about unlicensed cars and Bessenbacher said she is on it

Items For Next Agenda:

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:43 pm; motioned by Guttersohn and seconded by Childers.



Marsha Reed, Clerk

11/14/2022

Date



Vicki Bessenbacher, President

Building Information for Village Council

We are not asking for a mileage. We will not be raising taxes.

We will be using current revenue sources.

This has been talked about and funds saved for the purpose of a new building since at least 2011.

One option we're exploring is building in the Village limits behind Dollar General. The other option is to build behind the current hall.

Current needs for a new building:

- Community Center for showers, family reunions, graduation parties etc.
- Handicap assessable entrance – from parking lot
- Adequate space for elections including parking
- Adequate, secure storage for election equipment, election files, township records and assessing records.
- Adequate space for Absent Voter County Board (AVCB)
- Adequate office space, previously the clerk worked from her home.
- Currently we stay in compliance with state and federal regulations, but we are not working efficiently, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to stay in compliance both for the township and the fire department.

Library

- School Safety, Security and Unpredictability
- 2 very different user groups for school libraries and public libraries
- Outdated computers and other technology at Byron Branch
- Library Materials
- Closure of branch due to school closings
- Staff and library hours

Fire

Fire Department will stay at current location and have ability to expand and resolve their limitations.

Current needs:

- Space for storage and drying hoses an example is when water rescue equipment is used.
- Proper ventilation cannot be installed due to storage constraints.
- It is recommended Personal Protective Gear firefighters wear is kept in a separate room to reduce contamination from Apparatus exhaust and carcinogen contamination.
- Adequate space for firefighter training. They are required to have 35 hours training per year.
- With doing Medical Assist calls there is need for relatively sterile storage area for medical supplies.
- With all the electronic equipment there is need for adequate charging stations.

Township Future Needs:

- Office space for cemetery records
- Office space for ordinance enforcement
- Office space for trustees
- Truck bay for a truck from the DNR- chasey is free from DNR we would pay to have it painted and equipped for a cost of approximately \$10,000 as opposed to \$80,000-\$90,000.

Information needed from the Village:

- Rezone property
- Variance for the size of the lot
- Costs for water and sewer hookup
- Quarterly cost of water and sewer – how many REU's
- Driveway permit – Byron Rd. and Lehring Rd.