

Village of Byron  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
October 11, 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, Orr and Childers. Reed was absent. Minutes taken by Ketchum.

**Approval of Agenda:** Bessenbacher requests and addition to the agenda; Under New Business add the Letter F-Selection of a new Council member. Motion to accept agenda with the change made by Campbell, Second by Guttershon. No discussion. All Ayes: None opposed. Passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the August 9, 2021 (No September meeting) meeting. Guttersohn moved to approve Minutes; seconded by Chapman. No further discussion. All Ayes. Passed.

**Public Comments – Agenda Items:** Ellen Glass. Requests VOB to donate \$7200.00 to replace water fountains in High School and Elementary School using money from the Village water fund. Additional input from Becca Vandermark as to the need for new fountains. Attorney John Gormley said this cannot be allowed. Possibly the DDA could assist with this for the High School, but not the Elementary School.

**Treasurers Report** – Ketchum read report. Motion by Guttersohn to accept report to pending audit; seconded by Chapman. No discussion. Roll Call: Ayes- Campbell, Chapman, Bessenbacher, Childers, Guttersohn and Orr. Passed.

**Approval of Bills**-Blue Folder bill. Former council member Michaela Phillips requests that the village reimburse her \$330.00 for root cleaning and video performed at her home on Silver Lake Road. Discussion. Motion to not reimburse by Campbell; Second by Orr. Vote to not pay. Roll Call: Ayes: Bessenbacher, Campbell and Orr. Nays: Guttersohn, Childers and Chapman. Motion died due to no majority. New motion by Guttersohn to reimburse half of the requested \$330.00 for a total of \$165.00; Second by Childers. Roll Call: Ayes-Bessenbacher, Guttersohn, Childers and Chapman. Nays-Orr and Campbell. Passed.

**Committee Reports:** Agenda item to form a Village Advisory Committee. Bessenbacher requests table until next month until vacant council seat is filled.

**Police Report:** Read by Guttersohn.

**DPW Report:** Read by Dan Warren. Byron School administrator requests trim-back of trees on Maple Street and cost to be split between the school and the Village, each to pay \$337.50. Motion by Guttersohn to approve expenditure of \$337.50 for tree trim-back; Second by Campbell. Roll Call: Bessenbacher-Aye. Guttersohn-Aye. Childers-Aye. Chapman-Aye. Orr-Aye. Campbell-Aye. Passed. Discussion about sidewalk on Saginaw Street from Matador's Pizza to Maple Street (excluding sections that have recently been repaired) cost of \$22,400.00. Will be reviewing Act 51 non-motorized money

Village of Byron  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
October 11, 2021

availability when clerk returns to regular hours in the next week. Discussed signs in cemetery and types of surveillance cameras.

**Cemetery Report:** Read by Bessenbacher.

**DDA:** Rob Vandermark spoke encouraging the council to consider engaging with the MEDC. No cost and the benefits to the Village considerable. Will bring in paperwork to the Village office.

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

**911 Commission Report:** Campbell said the last scheduled meeting on Zoom was cancelled, no report.

**Old Business:** A. **President Pro-Tem and Street Administrator.** Motion by Bessenbacher to appoint John Guttersohn appointed as new President Pro-tem and Linda Chapman as Street Supervisor. Second by Childers. Voice vote: all Ayes. Passed.

B. **Handbook-CPL Addition:** Tabled until November.

**New Business**

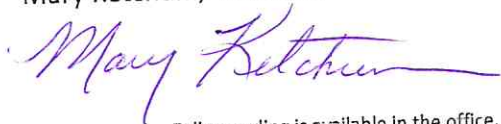
- A. **Park/School.** School Superintendent wants to keep the park and pay insurance but would like VOB to purchase playground equipment, Atty. Gormley said VOB would have to sign a contract. Discuss school and VOB forming a partnership. Ask how much money does the school want?
- B. **Trash Contract.** Tabled until Clerk returns to office.
- C. **PDF Converter.** \$12.99 per mo/ total \$155.88: Motion by Guttersohn to approve /Second by Childers. Roll Call-Guttersohn-Aye, Chapman-Aye, Childers-Aye, Orr-Aye, Campbell-Ayue, Bessenbacher-Aye. Passed.
- D. **Halloween Hours.** Trick or Treat from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Voice vote: all ayes. Passed.
- E. **Trustee:** Bessenbacher read letters from 3 applicants: Tony Berecz, Antionette Prestonise and Gary Kinitis. Campbell motion for Berecz: Second by Childers. Roll Call Vote: Campbell-Aye: Orr-Nay. Guttersohn-Nay. Chapman-Nay. Childers-Aye. Bessenbacher-Aye.. Motion died due to no majority. Chapman Motioned for Prestonise; no second. Motion died due to no action. Campbell Motioned for Kinitis: Guttersohn second. Roll call: All ayes.

**Public Comments:** Antionette Prestonise stated that the police seemed not to be doing a very good job controlling speeders heading south out of town. Childers wondered why there were so many traffic stops and not so many tickets. General comments about a resident with a loud vehicle that rattles windows etc. Bessenbacher suggested a meeting with Durand Police Chief Hartz to discuss the issue.

**Any Other Business from Council /Comments:** None.

**Meeting adjourned at:** Motion to adjourn 8:17pm. pm by Bessenbacher: Second by Childers

Mary Ketchum, Treasurer



Approval Date

11/8/21

Vicki Bessenbascher, President



Full recording is available in the office. Please give the clerk a twenty four (24) notice for the recording request.