

Village of Byron  
Special Council – ZBA Meeting Minutes  
October 26, 2021

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

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

**Roll Call – Present:** Guttersohn, Chapman, Campbell, Kinaitis, Orr, Childers and Bessenbacher. Absent: Ketchum. Attorney Johnson, Rob Vandemark, DDA, Justin Horvath from SEDP and Charles Donaldson from MEDC present.

**Approval of Agenda:** Campbell motioned to accept agenda as written; seconded by Guttersohn. Voice Vote: Ayes – Guttersohn, Chapman, Campbell, Kinaitis, Orr, Childers and Bessenbacher. Nays: None; Passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** None

**Public Comments – Agenda Items:** None

**A) Trash Services:** Reed explained cost of each quote received and that Republic gave the best option. Childers motioned to continue with Republic and accept the quote of \$12.81 per resident; Guttersohn seconded. Roll Call: Ayes – Guttersohn, Chapman, Campbell, Kinaitis, Orr, Childers and Bessenbacher. Nays: None; Passed.

**B) Sidewalks:** Discussion took place on the subject and Reed explained how much could be used from ACT 51 monies. C. Johnson said it averages out to be about 1 to 1-1/2 %. No action taken, revisit in the spring.

**C) MEDC Resolution:** Rob Vandemark, DDA Chairperson, introduced Charles (Chuck) Donaldson from MEDC and Chuck explained what the MEDC does and the benefits of getting involved with it. They go over the 6 best practices and funds for the areas that need work are available. There are 2 levels and the first can net \$25,000.00 and the certification level can net \$35,000.00. Guttersohn asked how much work on our end and Chuck said it is involved and you may want a point person. Campbell asked if it was just the DDA district and Chuck said it involves the entire municipality. Justin Horvath said it would be community improvement. Reed asked about parks and that falls under DNR grants. Vandemark explained pocket parks. More discussion on the subject. Campbell asked what good if no businesses and Chuck said we offer a way to get healthy and Justin can help attract businesses once healthy with a marketing strategy. He added that small business development center can help businesses start. Chuck said that you can stop the process at any time. Childers said she would take the course and be the point person. Kinaitis motioned to adopt the Redevelopment Ready Communities Program of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation; Guttersohn seconded. Roll Call: Ayes – Guttersohn, Chapman, Campbell, Kinaitis, Orr, Childers and Bessenbacher. Nays: None; Passed.

**D) Furnace-DPW:** Bessenbacher explained that heating/cooling company can install ceiling mount for \$400.00 with the possibility of getting the furnace for free. Bessenbacher said Warren said if cost for furnace it should not exceed \$400.00. Guttersohn asked about other quotes and Vandemark talked about the direct vent that they carry at IPS. Vandemark said he would check out the cost. Guttersohn

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motioned to approve no more than \$800.00 for install and used furnace. Added along with motion that a certificate of insurance needed from heating/cooling company; Chapman seconded. Roll Call: Ayes – Guttersohn, Chapman, Campbell, Kinaitis, Orr, Childers and Bessenbacher. Nays: None; Passed. The addition to the motion was done at Childers explanation.

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

**Public Comments:** None

**Meeting adjourned at:** Motion to 8:04 pm by Bessenbacher; seconded by Chapman. Voice Vote: Ayes – Guttersohn, Chapman, Campbell, Kinaitis, Orr, Childers and Bessenbacher. Nays: None; Passed.



Marsha Reed, Clerk



Approval Date



Vicki Bessenbacher, President