

Village of Byron
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2024

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

Pledge of Allegiance Led By: President Bessenbacher

Roll Call – Present: Kinaitis (Came in at 7:02 pm), Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn, McDowell, Bibbee and Bessenbacher. Attorney Clint Stevenson and Police Chief Brancheau also present. Ketchum, Warren and Thomas absent.

Approval of Agenda: Amend agenda to add minutes from January 29, 2024. Motion to approve the amended agenda, by Guttersohn; seconded by Bibbee. Voice Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn, McDowell, Bibbee and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of January 8, 2024 and January 29, 2024 minutes as written; motion by Campbell and seconded by Chapman. Voice Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn, McDowell, Bibbee and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Public Comments-Agenda Items: None

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

Approval of Bills: Campbell reported total of 37 Checks with 126E-128E and 28323-28356 for a total of \$70,857.54. Chapman motioned to pay the bills; seconded by Kinaitis. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn, McDowell, Bibbee and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Bills Awaiting Approval (Blue Folder)- None

Committee Reports: Reed explained what Thomas had said about not allowed to change grandfather clause

Police Report- Guttersohn read report. New Chief of Police Brancheau introduce himself and talked about the police truck for sale at \$20,800.00. The truck contains all needed equipment and has 91,000 miles on it. Guttershon motioned to purchase the truck and seconded by Chapman. Roll Call Vote: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn, McDowell, Bibbee and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

DPW Report –Bessenbacher read report.

Cemetery Report: Bessenbacher read report.

DDA Report: None

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Commissioner Report: Howard said it was a quiet month. Looking at establishing a new Maternity Leave Policy. Register of Deeds has been upgraded and replaced a deputy that retired. Dog license at county only

911 Commission: Campbell reported new member, Wade Prestonise. The new budget was approved and policies are being updated.

Old Business:

Verizon Tower: Reed explained that on the web it said company closed.

Establish Zoning Waiver Fee \$25.00: Reed explained the need for the \$25.00 fee and Campbell motioned to accept the \$25.00 fee for the zoning waiver; seconded by Kinaitis. Roll Call Vote: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn, McDowell, Bibbee and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

New Business:

Council Meeting Dates/Phone Numbers: Campbell motioned approved the Council and DDA meeting dates and phone numbers; seconded by Guttersohn. Voice Vote: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn, McDowell, Bibbee and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Wage and Salary Resolution: Reed explained the resolution and Campbell motion to approve the Wage and Salary Resolution; seconded by Bibbee. Roll Call Vote: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn, McDowell, Bibbee and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

2023 – 20234 Revised Budget – All Funds: Reed went over each of the funds and the ending balances. Guttershon motion to accept the revised 23-24 budget; seconded by Chapman Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn, McDowell, Bibbee and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Open Public Hearing: Opened at 7:35 pm

2024 – 2025 budget presented. No public comments.
Hearing closed at 7:42 pm

Adopt 2024 – 2025 Budget: Guttersohn motioned to approve the requested 24– 25 budget; seconded by McDowell. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn, McDowell, Bibbee and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

General Appropriations Act 2024 – 2025: Motion by McDowell to approve the 24– 25 General Appropriations Act; seconded by Guttersohn. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn, McDowell, Bibbee and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

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Event Permit: Bessenbacher explained the permit and Guttersohn motioned to approve the event permit; seconded by Chapman. Voice Vote: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn, McDowell, Bibbee and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

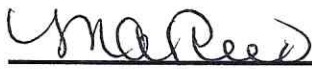
Water Rates: Reed explained that we raised the rates last year and discussion took place on the subject. Guttershon motioned to approve the total of \$7.00 increase on the next billing cycle; seconded by Kinaitis. Roll Call Vote: Kinaitis, Campbell, Chapman, Guttersohn, McDowell, Bibbee and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Public Comments: Mary Lou asked about the grant money for the dams and Howard explained what dams received the grant money. He also said the money for the New Lothrop Road bridge comes in 2027. Mary Lou asked about brush pickup and Bessenbacher said spring not winter.

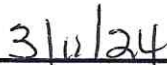
Any Other Business from Council /Comments: Bibbee explained the training and the grant to pay for it, just waiting on a date. Bessenbacher said Warren is updating sign. Talk of the Park sign as a possible Scout project. Bibbee volunteered for Park Authority. Campbell asked when lawns will be repaired from plowing. Bessenbacher said Warren will take care of it. Kinaitis said this was his last meeting do to moving out of the Village. Council thanked him for his service. Reed said thank you for the budget approvals.

Items For Next Agenda: None

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:03pm; motioned by Bessenbacher and seconded by Chapman.



Marsha Reed, Clerk



Date



Vicki Bessenbacher, President