

Village of Byron  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
May 13, 2024

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

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

**Roll Call – Present:** Campbell, Guttersohn, McDowell, Bibbee, Chapman, Willett (new member) and Bessenbacher. Also Present: Warren, Zoning Administrator, Thomas and Attorney Clint Stevenson. Absent: Ketchum.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda as written by Guttersohn; seconded by McDowell. Voice Vote: Ayes Campbell, Guttersohn, McDowell, Bibbee, Chapman, Willett and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Absent: None, Motion Passed.

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

**Public Comments-Agenda Items:** Bessenbacher explained that the public forums and that audience members can comment only during the 2 Public times. D. Glenn asked when the yellow striping for Saginaw St will be done. Warren said later this summer.

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

**Approval of Bills:** Campbell reported total of 34 Checks 0 voided (28411): 130E-133E 28434-28473 for a total of \$55,346.99. Guttersohn asked about Door Mart and Warren said they are Radium doors. Guttersohn motioned to pay the bills; seconded by Chapman. Roll Call Vote: Ayes Campbell, Guttersohn, McDowell, Bibbee, Chapman, Willett and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Absent: None, Motion Passed.

**Bills Awaiting Approval (Blue Folder):** None

**Committee Reports:** Reed explained the budget line for tree cutting under water GL and asked for a \$3000.00 approval. Guttersohn motioned to approve the addition of \$3000.00 for tree cutting in the water account; seconded by Willett. Roll Call Vote: Ayes Campbell, Guttersohn, McDowell, Bibbee, Chapman, Willett and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Absent: None, Motion Passed.

**Zoning Administrator:** Thomas said things are picking up. Working on amendments. Signs in road right of way removed. Bibbee asked about signs 15 feet past right of way and Thomas said President would need to approve them.

**Police Report-** Guttersohn read report. Chief talked about the school grant, Safe School Security Grant, and how it would add 20 extra hours of patrol. The assigned officer would walk the hall of the schools and patrol the Village. The Village would have to cover the cost of fuel but not the extra 20 hours. Guttersohn motioned that the VOB would pay for the extra gas; seconded by Willett. Roll Call Vote:

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Absent: None, Motion Passed.

**DPW Report** – Warren explained center line painting when paving is done. Radium test is ok. Multiple drains repaired and next one is on W. Maple. Lines downtown done. Cemetery brush and dirt removal ongoing. Bicentennial signs done and will go up soon.

**Cemetery Report**: Bessenbacher read report. No news on Attorney update for Cemetery Rules. Laptop needed for Cemetery and Guttersohn motioned to approve \$300.00 for the Cemetery laptop; seconded by Willett. Roll Call Vote: Ayes Campbell, Guttersohn, McDowell, Bibbee, Chapman, Willett and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Absent: None, Motion Passed.

**DDA Report**: Lionbear tabled

**Commissioner Report**: Howard said Medical Care Facility want 10 acres at cost of 92,000.00. Sheriff Department is looking for replacement, 1 retired and 1 moved on. He also discussed solid waste to be at 30% in 2030.

**911 Commission**: None

**Old Business**:

**Water/Sewer Due Date-Time Frame**: Reed asked about changing the time frame from 75 days to 45 days and explained that it may cut down on past due customers. Discussion on increasing the late fee and making it a Civil Infraction. Tabled until June.

**New Business**:

**Village Attorney: Personal Matter**: Attorney Stevenson explained that Bessenbacher needed attorney services not related to Village business and asked if council would waive any conflict of interest. Guttersohn motioned to waive conflict of interest and allow Bessenbacher to use the attorney in her personal matter; seconded by McDowell. Roll Call Vote: Ayes Campbell, Guttersohn, McDowell, Bibbee, Chapman, Willett. Nays: None. Absent: None, Motion Passed. Bessenbacher abstained

**Raise for Clerk**: Reed explained the need for the raise and discussion took place. Tabled until June

**Eagle Project for Ben Bauer**: Ben explained that he is with Byron Scout 288 and would like to place concrete benches with plaques on each for those who aided in the creation of the Village of Byron. Possible start date is July 13, 2024 and Guttersohn asked if cost to the Village and Ben said none. Campbell motioned to approve Ben Bauer's project; seconded by Willett. Voice Vote: Ayes Campbell, Guttersohn, McDowell, Bibbee, Chapman, Willett and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Absent: None, Motion Passed.

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**Event Permit:** Bessenbacher explained car show permit from 8 am – 5 pm. Campbell motioned to approve car show permit; seconded by Guttersohn. Voice Vote: Ayes Campbell, Guttersohn, McDowell, Bibbee, Chapman, Willett and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Absent: None, Motion Passed.

**Public Comments:** Howard said he would help with car show road closure. Mary Lou asked about the poppies and officer doesn't do job.

**Any Other Business from Council /Comments:** Bessenbacher said old police car up for sale. Clint will look into procedure for appointment of council members. Reed thanked council and wished Happy Mother's Day. Communications to council by emails or phone calls only, no quorum. Discussion on subject. Guttersohn asked about cell tower and welcomed Willett.

**Items For Next Agenda:** Part time DPW help, DDA Lionbear, Utility time table, Clerk raise.

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 8:18 pm; motioned by Guttersohn and seconded by McDowell. Voice Vote: Ayes Campbell, Guttersohn, McDowell, Bibbee, Chapman, Willett and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Absent: None, Motion Passed.



Marsha Reed, Clerk

6-10-2024

Date



Vicki Bessenbacher, President