

Village of Byron  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
February 10, 2025

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

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

**Roll Call - Present:** Campbell, Guttersohn, Willett, McDowell, Bibbee, and Stevens. Also Present: Attorney Clint Stevens, and Mellentine (treasurer). Reed and Warren absent.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Approval of January 13, 2025 minutes as written; motion by Guttersohn; seconded by Bibbee. Voice Vote: Ayes Campbell, Guttersohn, Willett, McDowell, Bibbee, and Stevens. Nays: None. Absent: Chapman. Motion Passed.

**Public Comments-Agenda Items:** FFA Presentation: Bait or Wait. Brittain from DDA said insurance for Pocket Park shouldn't be a big concern.

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

**Approval of Bills:** Campbell reported total of 35 Checks with 0 voided for a total of \$59,439.89, numbering from 28819- 28853. Willett motioned to pay the bills; seconded by Campbell. Roll Call Vote: Ayes Campbell, Guttersohn, Willett, McDowell, Bibbee, and Stevens. Nays: None. Absent: Chapman. Motion Passed. Willett also reviewed bills.

**Bills Awaiting Approval {Blue Folder}-** None

**Committee Reports:**

**Police Report-** Guttersohn read report.

**DPW Report** -Stevens said the radium system and well online.

**Cemetery Report:** Guttersohn gave the cemetery report and asked the Attorney if BS&A was necessary, the reply was, that it was not. He also reported the camera is no longer in use, DPW has it. Guttersohn also asked the Attorney if necessary to draft legal.

**DDA Report:** Tree removal was approved. Guttersohn motioned to approve the removal of the tree for \$4,950.00 from DDA grant; seconded by Willett. Roll Call Vote: Ayes Campbell, Guttersohn, Willett, McDowell, Bibbee, and Stevens. Nays: None. Absent: Chapman. Motion Passed. The mural was discussed. Discussion on the relocation of the bench, which is not ADA-approved, took place with possible locations in the cemetery or fire hall. If the bench left, the foundation would have to be redone

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and not budgeted for. Still won't be up to code. Deadlines for grant money, for Pocket Park, nothing but monthly reports. Brittain said he would like council to attend DDA meetings. Memorial Healthcare may be a source for boardwalk grant funding, a benefit for the whole Village that could enhance the bigger picture. It was also brought up, to remove Jessica Woods and re-add Bailey. Council approved by voice vote.

**Commissioner Report:** Howard absent

**911 Commission:** None.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition:** Discussion took place and McDowell motioned to approve the \$100.00 membership; seconded by Bibbee. Roll Call Vote: Ayes Campbell, Guttersohn, Willett, McDowell, Bibbee, and Stevens. Nays: None. Absent: Chapman. Motion Passed.

**Time Clock:** Mellentine explained the issues with the current clock and said it was 10 years old. Guttersohn motioned to purchase a new time clock for \$99.99; seconded by McDowell. Roll Call Vote: Ayes Campbell, Guttersohn, Willett, McDowell, Bibbee, and Stevens. Nays: None. Absent: Chapman. Motion Passed.

**Public Comments:** River Coalition adds mile markers for emergency purposes. DDA wants Village statement about transparency and bashing on social media to stop.

**Any Other Business from Council /Comments:** Fireworks Friends needs volunteers. Email setup is needed for Campbell and McDowell. Campbell asked about the Village Church home on Ann St being plowed.

**Items For Next Agenda:**

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 7:53 pm; motioned by Guttersohn and seconded by McDowell. Voice Vote: Ayes Campbell, Guttersohn, Willett, McDowell, Bibbee, and Stevens. Nays: None. Absent: Chapman. Motion Passed.

Marsha Reed, Clerk

3/17/25

Date



Vicki Stevens, President