

Village of Byron
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2026

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

Pledge of Allegiance Led By: President Stevens

Roll Call – Present: Campbell, Guttersohn, Bibbee, Willett, Chapman, and Stevens. Also Present: Mellentine, Village Administrator, Todd Thomas, and Reed. Attorney Stevenson, Warren, and McDowell absent.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda with legal counsel added to new business by Guttersohn; seconded by Bibbee. Voice Vote: Ayes Campbell, Guttersohn, Bibbee, Willett, Chapman, and Stevens. Nays: None. Absent: McDowell.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of January 12, 2026, minutes, as written; motion by Willett; seconded by Guttersohn. Voice Vote: Ayes Campbell, Guttersohn, Bibbee, Willett, Chapman, and Stevens. Nays: None. Absent: McDowell.

Public Comments-Agenda Items: FFA presentation, which compared land use for fields versus foundations. They will be attending the Young Farmers Leaders Conference, and to qualify, the group must present in 5 public forums. They covered brownfield versus greenfield, livestock's global carbon footprint, and the PA 116 tax exemption for farmers. Thomas asked questions that the group answered. Bibbee gave praise and recommended projecting their voices more.

Treasurer's Report –Mellentine read report. Guttersohn motioned to accept report pending audit; seconded by Willett. Roll Call Vote: Ayes Campbell, Guttersohn, Bibbee, Willett, Chapman, and Stevens. Nays: None. Absent: McDowell. Mellentine explained the MMTA's conference. The conference is the 2nd of 3, and is built into the budget. Council voiced approval.

Approval of Bills: Campbell reported 36 Checks, 187E-181E, 29300-29329, totaling \$57,664.90. Willett motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Guttersohn. Roll Call Vote: Ayes Campbell, Guttersohn, Bibbee, Willett, Chapman, and Stevens. Nays: None. Absent: McDowell.

Bills Awaiting Approval (Blue Folder)- None

Committee Reports: None

Police Report- Guttersohn read report.

DPW Report – Council discussed the part-time position for DPW and asked Reed to post the position.

Code Enforcement: None

Cemetery Report: Guttersohn read the report. He explained that Debra Baker-Murph recommended checking into Home Depot because they support community projects. Reed shared that the cemetery roads are not allowed to be certified under ACT 51.

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Zoning Administrator: Thomas reported that 1 land-use permit came in for the viewing platform. He said a letter was sent to 523 Saginaw St regarding the mobile home. Todd Thomas was recommended as the Street Administrator, and Reed explained the duties. Bibbee motioned to approve Thomas as the Street Administrator; seconded by Campbell. Chapman said she was fine with Thomas taking the position. Voice Vote: Ayes Campbell, Guttersohn, Bibbee, Willett, Chapman, and Stevens. Nays: None. Absent: McDowell. Thomas also requested council approval to send the Temporary Use Ordinance to the Planning Commission for updates. Campbell motioned to have the Planning Commission review and update the Temporary Use Ordinance; seconded by Willett. Voice Vote: Ayes Campbell, Guttersohn, Bibbee, Willett, Chapman, and Stevens. Nays: None. Absent: McDowell.

DDA Report: None

Commissioner Report: Howard absent

911 Commission: None

Old Business:

Master Plan Approval: Guttersohn motioned to approve the Master Plan; seconded by Willett. Roll Call: Ayes Campbell, Guttersohn, Bibbee, Willett, Chapman, and Stevens. Nays: None. Absent: McDowell.

Camera Quotes: Guttersohn explained each of 3 quotes. Willett motioned to accept the quote by Z Solutions for \$3,645.96; seconded by Chapman. Roll Call: Ayes Campbell, Guttersohn, Bibbee, Willett, Chapman, and Stevens. Nays: None. Absent: McDowell. DDA has agreed to pay half of the quote.

New Business:

Open Public Hearing for the 26-27 Budget: Hearing opened at 7:44 pm. The Budget was presented, and B. Mickelson asked how we are doing. Stevens explained that it is a balanced budget. Hearing closed at 7:45 pm. Bibbee motioned to adopt the new 26-27 budget; seconded by Guttersohn. Roll Call: Ayes Campbell, Guttersohn, Bibbee, Willett, Chapman, and Stevens. Nays: None. Absent: McDowell.

Chamber of Commerce Membership: Council asked about the cost and if we do this yearly. Reed said it's \$20.00, and we join every year. Guttersohn motioned to approve the membership to the Chamber of Commerce for \$20.00; seconded by Willett. Roll Call: Ayes Campbell, Guttersohn, Bibbee, Willett, Chapman, and Stevens. Nays: None. Absent: McDowell.

Legal Council: Council discussed legal counsel, and all members shared their opinions.

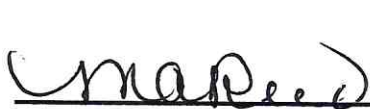
Public Comments: B. Mickelson asked when his road was going to be paved, and Stevens replied that it was on the schedule. The Street Administrator will look into it.

Any Other Business from Council /Comments: Bibbee mentioned all of the great forward progress that has been made. She completed and passed the RRC test. Guttersohn asked if we had ever had a carnival in town. Discussion took place on the subject. Guttersohn will look into it. It is possible that we would receive a portion of monies collected.

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Items For Next Agenda:

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:15 pm; motioned by Stevens and seconded by Guttersohn Voice Vote: Ayes Campbell, Guttersohn, Bibbee, Willett, Chapman, and Stevens. Nays: None. Absent: McDowell.



Marsha Reed, Clerk

3/9/26

Date



Vicki Stevens, President

Village of Byron
Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2026

Meeting called to order: at 6:32 pm by President Stevens.

Pledge of Allegiance Led By: President Stevens

Roll Call – Present: Campbell, Guttersohn, Bibbee, McDowell, and Stevens. Also Present: Mellentine, Village Administrator, Todd Thomas, Warren, Kim Lynch, and Reed. Absent Chapman and Willett.

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

New Business:

A) Budget: Kim explained the budget proposal. DDA projects, overlook, pocket park, and fishing pier were included in the DDA budget. Village projects were built into the CIP Plan, including the water reliability study mandated by the State. Bibbee asked about the interior remodeling, and Kim explained that the exterior needs to be done first. Thomas explained what needs to be done. She said the General Fund is balanced. She proceeded to review each of the funds, noting that the bridge inspection and paving expenses will require drawing from the Major Street fund balance. A part-time DPW employee is also built into the budget. Kim suggested that water/sewer rates be increased. She also covered taxable values and the Headlee rollback. Kim stated that it is a balanced budget, and we will continue moving forward to develop a strong and sustainable budget.

B) Public Comments:

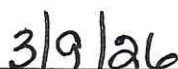
C) Any Other Business from Council /Comments: Bibbee asked about investments, and both Kim and Brandee are working on the Michigan Class. Council members thanked Lynch and Mellentine for a great job.

Items For Next Agenda:

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:18 pm; motioned by Stevens and seconded by McDowell. Voice Vote: Ayes Campbell, Guttersohn, Bibbee, McDowell, and Stevens. Nays: None. Absent: Chapman and Willett.



Marsha Reed, Clerk



Date



Vicki Stevens, President