

**Byron Park District Intergovernmental Meeting Minutes**  
Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.  
Byron Park District Board Room

**1.1** Commissioner Wilmarth called the Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 7:19 p.m.

**1.2** On roll call, the following were:

Byron Park District Board of Commissioners

**PRESENT:** Boyle, Griffith, Jeffrey, and Oracki.

**ABSENT:** Wilmarth.

Byron CUSD 226 Board of Education

**PRESENT:** Cassens, Gehrke, Kesler, Lynde, Milburn, and Rock.

**ABSENT:** Mumma.

**PARK DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:** Director Paul Zepezauer and Elaine Carow.

**BYRON CUSD STAFF PRESENT:** Superintendent Buster Barton and Christine Wills

**GUESTS:** None.

**1.3 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Kathi Gehrke made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Phil Kesler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on voice vote

**1.4 PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**1.5 REVIEW OF THE CURRENT INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN BYRON CUSD 226 AND BYRON PARK DISTRICT:** Mrs. Lynde led the boards through a review of the current Intergovernmental Agreement between Byron CUSD 226 and Byron Park District. Mrs. Oracki, Park Board Treasurer stated the last Agreement was for 15 years. She questioned if anything really needs to be changed. Mrs. Lynde stated there may be a need for some updates as the boards review it. Discussion ensued.

**1.6 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MODIFICATIONS AND/OR UPDATES:** The rising cost of utilities was discussed and the possible need to make a modification to the Park District's utility payment. There was discussion regarding section V, number 5 that states one Park District Commissioner and one Park District Administrative Staff Member will attend the School District's Committee of the Whole meeting in order to maintain open lines of communication. Discussion ensued regarding a breakdown of communication due to this not taking place. Two examples that were discussed were the merger of Byron Civic Theater into the Byron Park District and the Tax Levy error. Mr. Zepezauer asked if it would be acceptable to have just one Byron Park District Administrative Staff Member to attend the monthly meetings. Mr. Zepezauer provided background information on how the Byron Civic Theater merger came about. Question and answer discussion ensued. Section VII: Director Zepezauer stated the District audits are posted on the Byron Park District website.

**1.7 IMPACT OF THE PARK DISTRICT LEVY:** Mrs. Lynde stated the Byron School Board was made aware of the Byron Park District taxing error when it was reported in the newspaper. Mrs. Lynde expressed concern of how the community may become confused when they receive their tax bills in May. It is feared the community may view the addition tax due from last year as a tax increase due to the recent expansion project. Mrs. Lynde expressed the school board has a desire to provide communication to the public to help clarify the tax error. Director Zepezauer provided clarification on how the tax error took place and a timeline of events. Discussion ensued.

**1.8 OTHER BUSINESS:** Mr. Kesler asked if the Park District has had any requests for restroom or changing area accommodations for transgender individuals. Director Zepezauer advised the park district has not had the issue come up. Discussion ensued.

**10.0 ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Boyle made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Commissioner Oracki seconded the motion which passed unanimously on voice vote 4-0.

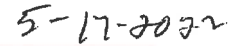


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