

MINUTES
Byron Town Hall
Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Town of Byron – Special Hearing & Special Town Meeting on Budget 6:30 – 6:50 pm

Attending: Chairperson Bob Simon, Supervisors Dustin Westphal and Kay Murre, Treasurer Wendy Giese, and Clerk Mary Laudloff

- a) **Call to Order:** Chairman Bob Simon called the meeting to order.
- b) **Confirm Posting:** The meeting was posted on October 15 in the 3 posting places, on the web site and published in the Reporter Oct. 27th and Nov. 3rd.
- c) The Board presented the proposed 2016 budget.
- d) **Public Comments:** The Oakfield Fire Dept. represented by Ron Engel, presented their 2016 fire contract and reason for the increase. This item will be tabled until the December 8th Board meeting
- e) **Adopt Levy Limit to be paid in 2016:** The state allowable levy is \$331,617.00. The Town Board feels this amount is adequate and have proposed a budget accordingly. **MOTION: (Debbie Simon, Ron Engel) to approve the 2015 Municipal Levy Limit of \$331,617.00. Carried. 8 yea, 0 nay.**
- f) **Adopt Highway Expenditures to be paid in 2016: MOTION: (Ron Engel, John Laudloff) to approve the 2016 highway budget of \$244,175.32. Carried**
- g) **Motion to Adjourn: (Ron Engle, Debbie Simon) Carried**

Town of Byron – Regular Board Meeting 6:50 -7:56 pm

Chairperson Bob Simon, called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present Agenda: MOTION: (Westphal, Simon) to approve the agenda. Carried

Approve Minutes: MOTION: (Murre, Westphal) to approve the October 13th minutes as written. Carried

Approve Bills: MOTION: (Murre, Westphal) to approve paying the bills as presented. Carried

Building Permits: There were 4 building permits this past month for Virginia Buchholz, pole shed, \$54; Harold Haack, reside house \$25; Joey Lamberty, reside house \$25; Anne Abel, reside house \$25.

Memorial Committee: Tom Kelroy reported the committee met November 4th with the next meeting January 4, 2016. The checkbook balance is \$8,036.00 and CD of \$7,070.00. The Memorial Committee will have their annual St. Patrick's dinner. No date has been set at this time. The Committee is checking into obtaining two additional smaller stones to flank the existing stones on each side, for future names.

Historical Society: The annual open house will be December 5th from 10:00 am till 3:00 pm. Informational displays and refreshments will be available. The 2016 calendars will be on sale at the open house. Their meetings are held every third Monday of the month.

Public Comments: Tom Kelroy inquired about the matter of Buechel Stone-Geelan quarry.

Unfinished Business:

- a) **Update on Roads:** The County Tri-Committee met and reviewed applications from the townships. We requested \$22,000 for repairs on Mill Pond Rd. The county has \$180,000.00 to be divided among the townships. We were advised the Town of Byron would receive \$23,495.00. Fond du Lac County advised the town regarding salt prices and places for pickups. Wisconsin DOT received our 2015 road certifications. New road signs have been received and will be installed in the near future. Road sweeping of the excess road slag was discussed what was done on Briar Ct., Wood Lane and N. Barton Rd. The cul de sac at the end of Briar Court will need more slag removed.
- b) **Update on Mill Pond Road Border Agreement:** The revised border agreement, drafted by the Towns' attorney, with the Townships of Byron and Oakfield was presented. The agreement was signed by Chairman Simon, Supervisor Westphal and Clerk Laudloff. **Motion: (Westphal, Murre) to go with the 90 day written notice if contract is to be suspended. Carried.**
- c) **East Central Regional Planning Committee Contract:** This will be an on-going project that will last about thirteen months at a cost of \$12,000, with payments spread out into 2017. The Comprehensive Plan is required to be updated every ten years and will be handled by the Planning Committee and a diverse group of people from the community to assist. **Motion: (Westphal, Murre) to accept the contract from East Central Regional Planning Committee. Carried.**
- d) **Update on Creekview Substation Project:** The Public Service Commission met on October 16th and they have decided to go the east route which does not involve the Town of Byron.
- e) **Update on WTA Convention:** The Wisconsin Towns Association held its annual convention in Wisconsin Dells with Bob Simon, Kay Murre and Mary Laudloff attending. Workshops attended included Liquor Licensing, Clerk-Treasurer Q & A, Election Training, Basics of Good Rural Roads and Legislative Updates.
- f) **Update on Quarry Inspections:** The Board of Appeals met October 15th to review and approve the quarry permits that will extend to November, 2019. A question was raised regarding what is being dumped after hours at the Michel's Site #7, formerly the Western Lime site. We asked for an independent analysis of the material being dumped. The material is the dust from the stone cutting. They advised us they would no longer be dumping after 6:00 pm. Wendy Giese questioned some of the chemicals in the dust being dumped. She will check into this matter further. The annual quarry inspections done by the Town have been completed. Tap quarry site has been graded as part of the reclamation agreement.
- g) **New Election Equipment and Training.** We exchanged equipment with the County and have had training on the new equipment on November 4th, with five people attending. There will be future training on the equipment after the first of the year.
- h) **Update on Townhall Software and Town Hall PC:** After discussing the issues with the present software with Sue from Townhall Software, it was decided we would keep using the existing software with future instruction sessions with Sue. The matter of a new PC at the Townhall will not be needed by keeping our existing software. A discussion to replace the existing computer was brought up. It is used only to record the meetings and may not be needed in the future. It was decided to look into the matter of recording meetings.
- i) **Bar Code Scanner Purchase:** It was decided to return the scanner and not pay for it. It initially was to be used with new software with the County but after receipt of the scanner and invoice, the County decided not to use this new software this year and may not next year as well.

New Business

- a) **Budget Balance:** Wendy Giese gave the Treasurers Report. The balance in the checkbook is \$272,593.29.
- b) **Certified Survey Map-Dietenberger:** Jeff Dietenberger was present to explain the Certified Survey Map which combines Lots 6 & 7, Shamrock Ct. **Motion: (Westphal, Murre) to approve the Certified Survey Map for Dietenberger, Sec 13, Shamrock Ct. Carried**
- c) **Fond du Lac Unit Christmas Party:** The annual Christmas Party for Township officials in Fond du Lac will be held Dec. 3rd at the KC Hall in Fond du Lac.
- d) **Town of Byron Christmas Party:** The annual Town Christmas Party will be held in January with the date and place to be determined.

Correspondence: We received a copy of the Procedural Background and Findings of Fact for the approval of the Zinke Livestock Siting application.

Next Town Board Meeting: December 8, 2015

Motion: (Simon, Murre) to adjourn. Carried

Mary Laudoff, Clerk

ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY OF THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEMS