

Town of Byron
2018 Annual Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2019

Chairman Bob Simon called the 173rd Annual Meeting of the Town of Byron to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Byron Town Hall. Present were Chairperson Bob Simon, Supervisor Kay Murre and Treasurer Wendy Giese. Mary Laudolff, Clerk and Dustin Westphal, Supervisor were absent. Also present were eleven town residents and five non-town residents. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were eleven voting members present at tonight's meeting.

The agenda and minutes were distributed to everyone present. Rob Freund moved, seconded by Tom Kelroy to accept the agenda. Motion carried. Gerard Schmitz moved, seconded by Chuck Schmitz to accept the minutes of the April 18, 2018 Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bob Geiger and seconded by Tom Kelroy to dispense with the reading of all the orders. Motion carried. Wendy Giese then read the Clerk's Report and Treasurer's Report. A motion was made to accept the Clerk's Report by Bob Simon and seconded by Tom Kelroy. Motion Carried. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Gerard Schmitz and seconded by Chuck Schmitz. Motion Carried.

The Chairman's Report was then given by Bob Simon which included:

a) Highway Maintenance: In 2018, the following was done:

Road Repair:

- Mill Pond Road was blacktopped completing the work on this road.

Dedications:

- Briar Court cul du sac road work has been completed and was dedicated as a town road.
- Maple Ridge Drive work was completed in 2017 and was dedicated as a town road.

Crack Filling

- Maple Lane
- Oaklane Road
- Lost Arrow Road
- Mill Pond Road
- Shamrock Court

Other Maintenance

- Culverts installed on Lost Arrow Road and Timber Trail
- Timber Trail cul du sac work
- New fire signs were installed
- Brush cutting in the fall

Other Matters

- Applied for FEMA funding for tornado damage.
- The Town will be doing a lot of seal coating in 2019

b) Newsletter Comments/Website Comments: Kay Murre, editor for the Town of Byron annual newsletter, reported the newsletter is ready to be mailed out. It will be mailed to Resident rather than the property owner's name. Subscribing to the Town's website enables you to receive e-mails or texts regarding meetings and town activities.

c) Recycle Report: Kay Murre reported total recycled in 2018 was 161.11 ton. This total is 5.95 ton less than the previous year. The total trash collected was 473.17 ton which was up from the previous year. State Grant reward received in 2018 was \$3,585.91. We renegotiated our contract with Advanced Disposal for an additional five years at the present rate. Advanced Disposal has been sold to Waste Management

- d) **Bulky Waste Pick-up:** This year's bulky waste pick-up will be on Monday, June 17th starting at 6:00 am. A list of acceptable and unacceptable items will be in the annual newsletter as well as on our website : www.townofbyron.com Any questions regarding garbage pick-up can be directed to Kay Murre.
- e) **Contribution to Cemeteries Upkeep:** Bob Simon read a letter from Byron Cemetery thanking the Town for the continued support of their cemetery. The Byron Cemetery also furnished a financial report. A Motion was made by Tom Kelroy and seconded by Gerard Schmitz to continue to donate \$750 each to Bethel Cemetery and Byron Cemetery. Motion Carried.
- f) **2018 Citizen of the Year:** The 2018 Citizen of the Year was presented to Gerard Schmitz. Gerard is a lifelong resident of the Town of Byron. He completed the Agricultural Short Course at UW Madison, served in the Air Force and supports the American Legion and local baseball teams. Gerard and his wife operate the Century Farm on River Road which has been in the family for three generations. He is a member of the Sons of Zebedee, St. John and has served on the Town of Byron Board of Review as Chairperson since 2015. Congratulations Gerard!

Veteran's Memorial Committee Report: Tom Kelroy reported the checkbook balance is \$6,884.00. On May 27th, the annual Memorial Day celebration in conjunction with the Historical Society, will be held at 9:30 a.m. with 44 new names to be added to the memorial. The Lomira Legion and Oakfield VFW will be in attendance. Guest speakers at the Memorial Day program are Phil and LuAnn Bird of the Fisher House. Jerry Luedtke, a charter member of the Committee, passed away this past year, and as a result there is a vacancy to be filled. The committee meets every first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. A 50/50 raffle drawing was held. A complete list of winners will be in the annual newsletter.

Historical Society Committee Report: Bob Simon read a report on the 2018-2019 fiscal year for the Historical Committee submitted by Maureen Betz. The 2019 calendar theme is Serving up History through Food Recipes and Kitchen Memories. The 2020 calendar will feature Farms. They will have their annual open house on Memorial Day as well as late fall. They also have a monthly open house on each Saturday prior to the monthly meeting. Adopt a Highway meets once a month and our Facebook page features stories and pictures daily. The display case is changed several times during the year.

Town Residents Comments and Input: Mr. Lamont brought up a potential problem with the culvert on Barton Road. Tom Kelroy questioned what the maximum train length is.

Tom Kelroy moved and seconded by Chuck Schmitz to postpone budget portion of meeting until fall. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Tom Kelroy and seconded by Gerard Schmitz to set the date for the next annual meeting to Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. Motion Carried.

Chuck Schmitz moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Nancy Schmitz. Motion Carried.

Refreshments were served.

Mary Laudolff, Town of Byron Clerk