

Town of Byron  
2020 Annual Meeting Minutes  
April 20, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Bob Simon called the 175<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Town of Byron to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Byron Town Hall. Present were Chairperson Bob Simon, Supervisors Dustin Westphal and Tim Hackbarth, Treasurer Kay Murre and Clerk Mary Laudolff. Also present were 38 town residents with Todd Janquart, City of FDL Chief of EMS and Craig Olson, Campbellsport Fire Chief, also attending. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda and minutes were distributed to everyone present. Tom Kelroy moved, seconded by Maureen Betz to accept the agenda. Motion carried. Charles Schmitz moved, seconded by Amy Puls to accept the minutes of the April 21, 2020 Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tom Kelroy and seconded by Don Theusch to dispense with the reading of all the orders. Motion carried. Mary Laudolff then read the Clerk's Report. Kay Murre read the Treasurer's Report.

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

a) **Highway Maintenance:** In 2020 the following was done:

Chip Sealing

- Prairie Road
- Kelly Rd. (Church Rd. to Co. B)
- Pinnow Lane
- Timber Trail W.
- Twin Oaks Dr.
- Kelly Rd. (Co. F to County Line)

Crackfilling

- Prairie Rd.
- Pinnow Lane
- Kelly Rd. (Co. F to County Line)

Other Maintenance

- Brush Cutting
- Culvert Replacements

Other Matters

- State Hwy 175 from Hwy 151 South to County Line will be repaved in 2021.
- Hwy 41 from Hwy 151 South to County Line will be repaved in 2022.
- Railroad tracks on E. Byron Rd., Church Rd. and Co. B (Hamilton Hill) are to be repaired this year.

b) **Newsletter Comments/Website Comments:** Kay Murre, editor for the Town of Byron annual newsletter, reported the newsletter is ready to be mailed with the exception of a couple of articles to be received. It will be mailed to resident rather than the property owner's name. Pertinent information regarding garbage collection will be published. The annual Open Book and Board of Review information will also included. Subscribing to the Town's website will enable you to receive e-mail or texts regarding meeting and town activities.

c) **Recycle Report:** Tim Hackbarth reported the total recycled in 2020 was 179.17 tons. This total was 10 ton more than the previous year. The total trash collected was 521.42 tons which was up 26.53 tons from the previous year also. State Recycling grant reward received in 2020 was \$3,592.18.

d) **Bulky Waste Pick-up:** This year's bulky waste pick-up will be on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 a.m. All acceptable and unacceptable items will be in the annual newsletter as well as on our website: [www.townofbyron.com](http://www.townofbyron.com) Any questions regarding garbage pick-up can be directed to Waste Management.

e) **Contribution to Cemeteries Upkeep:** Bob Simon read a letter from Byron Cemetery along with a financial report. Both Cemeteries expressed their appreciation for the Town's continuing support. A Motion was made by Randy Faber and seconded by Katie Beltz to donate \$750 each to Bethel Church and Byron Cemetery Association. Motion Carried.

- f) **2020 Citizen of the Year:** The 2020 Citizen of the Year Award was presented to George Trewin. George has served on the Town Planning Commission for 26 years and has been involved with the 4-H for 45 years. He is also involved in his church, children activities using his horses and other community activities.

**Veterans' Memorial Committee Report:** Tom Kelroy stated any veteran who has lived in or is living in the Town of Byron and who was honorably discharged is eligible to have their name on the memorial. The cost is \$50 per name and the Memorial Committee holds a 50/50 cash raffle to raise money for this cause. The drawing for this year's raffle was held on April 7<sup>th</sup> and the winners will be listed in the newsletter. The Fond du Lac Area Foundation awarded \$5,000 to the Memorial Committee by the Middleton Foundation Grant to be used solely for Memorial names. There are 56 names to be added this Memorial Day and another 112 names to be confirmed. The veterans date back to the War of 1812 and there were as many as 300 veterans from the Civil War. He reported the checkbook balance is \$12,425.00 after receiving the grant. The annual Memorial Day celebration in conjunction with the Historical Society will not be held this year due to the Corona Virus. The Lomira Legion and Oakfield VFW will be at the Townhall at 9:30 a.m. on Memorial Day to honor the veterans. Tom thanked the Town for their support.

**Historical Society Committee Report:** Maureen Betz, president of the Byron Historical Society Committee, thanked the Town for their continued support. The committee was on leave this past year from their monthly meetings due to COVID. The meetings will resume every month on the third Monday of the month at the Townhall at 7:00 p.m. The Township, started on April 7, 1846, is celebrating its 175<sup>th</sup> year on Hwy 175 this year. The Historical Society is planning an August parade, ice cream social and historical self-guided auto tour of the township. They have yard signs commemorating the anniversary for \$10 each with the proceeds used for flowers and upkeep of the Memorial flower garden.

**Ambulance Service in the Township:** Bob Simon started by stating that there will be no decision on this matter at this meeting or anytime in the near future. The Town is considering some options to cut costs due to the fact the City of FDL increases their cost per person by \$3 every year, which presently is at \$55 per person. Our 2021 invoice will be \$93,000. Bob Simon has been meeting with the City to negotiate a better contract, which renews annually.

**Public Comments and Input:** Todd Janquart, Chief of EMS for City of FDL and Craig Olson, Campbellsport Fire Chief, answered questions from many of the township residents in attendance that reside east side of Hwy 41, the area in question. Amy Puls gave a point presentation of EMS Services and difference in care between FDL and Campbellsport ambulance.

**ATV/UTV Use on Town Roads:** The subject of ATV's and UTV's on town roads has been on the monthly agenda several times without any resolution. It was decided this matter will be on the May 11<sup>th</sup> Town Board Meeting agenda for a vote.

**Public Comments and Input:** Steven Steffes, Jim Salter, Tony Hahn, Mike Geelan and Scot Meisenheimer commented favorably for ATV/UTV use on town roads.

**Motion to Postpone Budget Portion of Meeting Until Fall:** Charles Schmitz moved and seconded by George Trewin to postpone the budget portion of the meeting until fall. Motion Carried.

**Set Date for 2021 Annual Meeting:** The next annual meeting will be Tuesday April 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjourn:** George Trewin moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Bob Simon. Motion Carried.

Mary Laudolff, Byron Town Clerk