

Town of Byron
2021 Annual Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2022 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Dustin Westphal called the 176th Annual Meeting of the Town of Byron to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Byron Town Hall. Present were Chairperson Bob Simon (arrived later), Supervisor Tim Hackbarth, Treasurer Kay Murre and Clerk Mary Laudolff. Also present were nine town residents and two representatives from FDL City Fire Department. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were 14 voting members present at tonight's meeting.

The agenda and minutes were distributed to everyone present. Brenda Hackbarth moved, seconded by Randy Faber to accept the agenda. Motion carried. John Laudolff moved, seconded by Brian Meyer to accept the minutes of the April 20, 2021 Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

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

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

a) **Highway Maintenance:** Dustin Westphal reported In 2021 the following was done:

Chip Sealing (Granite Chips)

- Maple Lane

Blacktopping

- ½ mille of River Road between Lost Arrow and County Rd. B
- ½ mile of Oaklane Road between County Road F to County Line

Ditching

- Kelly Road by Lost Arrow Rd.
- Abel Drive
- Kenyon Rd. ¼ mile
- Hickory Road/Lost Arrow Road intersection
- Hickory Road/Hobbs Woods

Culverts Replaced

- Kenyon Rd./South Barton Rd.
- Hickory Rd./Lost Arrow Rd.
- Lost Arrow Rd. between River Rd.

Other Maintenance

- Fall Brush Cutting (2 times)

Other Matters

- A new tractor has been ordered, delivery date is unknown.

b) **Newsletter Comments/Website Comments:** Kay Murre, editor for the Town of Byron annual newsletter, reported the newsletter will be ready to mail upon a few articles remaining to be received.

c) **Recycle Report:** Tim Hackbarth reported total recycled in 2021 was 153.24 ton. The total trash collected was 403.32 State grant reward received in 2021 was \$3,605.11. He commented that Harter's Disposal is doing a great job in the Town.

d) **Bulky Waste Pick-up:** This year's bulky waste pick-up will be on Wednesday, June 8th starting at 6:00 a.m. This is on the same day as normal pickup, thus the bulky waste may be picked up through Friday that week. All 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 Tim Hackbarth.

- 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 Don Whitty and seconded by Deb Simon to donate \$750 each to Bethel Church and Byron Cemetery Association. Motion Carried.
- f) **2021 Citizen of the Year:** The 2021 Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Ron Engel. He is owner of Engel and Associates, in which has worked with many quarries in the township. He has been on the Board of Appeals for 14 year and is currently serving as chairman. He has also served on the Oakfield Fire Dept. as Chief among other positions.

Veterans' Memorial Committee Report: John Laudloff reported the annual Memorial Day celebration in conjunction with the Historical Society will be held this year on May 30th. There will be 150 additional names added to the Memorial this Spring at a cost of \$50 each, leaving room for an additional 100 names. The 50/50 cash raffle will be held on June 14th. This raffle is the only money maker the Memorial Committee has to finance the memorial. John thanked the Town for their support.

Historical Society Committee Report: Maureen Betz reported the Historical Society has been in existence 17 years with 64 memberships and 85 voting members. Their collections number over 4,000 artifacts, including 2,000 photographs, 800 objects and well over 1,000 documents and other artifacts. Daily Facebook posts reach an average of 350 viewers per day. Memorial Day will be on May 30th with doors open from 8 am to 11 am. The Veterans outdoor program will commence at 9:30 am. The exhibition this year will be military uniforms from the various branches. 2022 will have guest speakers throughout the year and the calendar theme for 2023 will be Fashions Through the Years. Maureen thanked the town for their support.

Ambulance Service in the Township: Bob Simon along with our attorney Matt Parmentier, have been negotiating with the City of Fond du Lac on the contract the town has for ambulance service for the last two years. So far, there has not been any results and hopefully this matter will have a conclusion that is agreeable to everyone. Simon and Parmentier will meet with the City again on May 2nd.

ATV/UTV Use on Town Roads: Dustin Westphal reported all town roads are open for ATV/UTV use. An application to the county for use of County Rd. Y to be also used. A meeting on May 4th will review this matter. The Town has received a \$500 donation from the Eden Trailblazers and a citizen donation of \$400.

Town Residents Comments and Input: Andrea McGhee Inquired about chickens in the township. John Laudloff commented the ramp for the town hall should be repaired. Maureen Betz reported that downspouts were needed on the roof on the back of the town hall. Tim Hackbarth reported the new HVAC for the town hall has been installed.

Motion to Postpone Budget Portion of Meeting Until Fall: Dan Bates moved and seconded by John Laudloff to postpone the budget portion of the meeting until fall. Motion Carried.

Set Date for 2022 Annual Meeting: The date for the next annual meeting is Tuesday April 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: John Laudloff moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Dan Bates. Motion Carried.

Mary Laudloff, Byron Town Clerk