

Town of Byron  
2022 Annual Meeting Minutes  
April 18, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Bob Simon called the 177<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Town of Byron to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Byron Town Hall. Present were Bob Simon, Chairman Dustin Westphal, Supervisors Tim Hackbarth and Aaron Buckarma, Treasurer Kay Murre and Clerk Mary Laudolff , Also present were 14 town residents.. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were 21 voting members present at tonight's meeting.

The agenda and minutes were distributed to everyone present. Debbie Simon moved, Brenda Hackbarth to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

Bob Simon moved, seconded by Dan Bates to accept the minutes of the April 19, 2022 Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Paul Rick and seconded by Randy Faber to dispense with the reading of all the orders. Motion carried.

Mary Laudolff read the Clerk's Report . Motion was made to accept the Clerk's Report by Randy Faber and seconded by Maureen Betz. Motion Carried.

Kay Murre read the Treasurer's Report. Motion was made by Gerard Schmitz and seconded by Connie Rick. Motion Carried.

The Chairman's Report was then given which included:

a) **Highway Maintenance:** Dustin Westphal reported In 2022 the following was done:

Chip Sealing (Granite Chips)

- Oaklane Rd. (Co. Y to Co. F)
- Millpond Rd. (River Rd. to Oakfield Town Line)

Blacktopping

- 1½ mille of Kenyon Road

Ditching

- Kenyon Road

Culverts Replaced

- Kelly Road
- Church Road
- Lost Arrow Rd.
- Lost Arrow Rd. & River Rd.

Other Maintenance

- Fall Brush Cutting was not done due to tractor unavailability

Other Matters

- The new tractor was delivered in Spring
- Yellow fire hydrants in township are for the city wells

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. Our website is going to be updated and will be more user friendly. We suggest everyone to subscribe to the website for automatic updates and notices as they are posted. Our website is: [www.townofbyronwi.gov](http://www.townofbyronwi.gov)

c) **Recycle Report:** Tim Hackbarth reported total recycled in 2022 was 233.82 ton. The total trash collected was 574.67 State grant reward received in 2022 was \$3,595.84. 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.townofbyronwi.gov/garbage/bulkywaste](http://www.townofbyronwi.gov/garbage/bulkywaste). Our contract with Harter's has been extended to 2029. 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. Maureen Betz explained items on the Byron Cemetery financial report . A Motion was made by Bob Simon and seconded by Randy Faber to donate \$999.99 each to Bethel Church and Byron Cemetery Association. Motion Carried.
- f) **2022 Citizen of the Year:** The 2022 Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Steve Wessing. Steve has been a resident of the Town of Byron his entire adult life. He is married to Cheryl Peters and have three daughters. They live on the Peters farm on Hwy 175. In 1994 a fire destroyed the barn and changed their lives from dairy farming. Steve has been on the Town Plan Commission for the past 17 plus years and is currently serving as chairman. He is active at his parish St. John's/Sons of Zebedee Church in Byron serving as trustee, grounds keeper and anything that is needed. Steve is a humble man who is always active in benefiting the Town of Byron.

**Veterans' Memorial Committee & Historical Society Committee Report:** Maureen Betz reported on behalf of both committees. The Memorial Day program will be on May 29, 2023. The open house will be from 8:00 am to 11:00 am with the Veterans outdoor program commencing at 9:30 am with the VFW and Lomira Legion in attendance. 82 new names will be added to the Veteran's Memorial this year with funds available. 2023 calendar theme will be architecture in the Town of Byron. Hobbs donated dinner bell will be displayed on the Town Hall property.

**Town Residents Comments and Input:** Sharren Wendler brought to the attention of the Town Board a street light was out in Byron. Connie Rick suggested a warning sign for children present in South Byron.

**Motion to Postpone Budget Portion of Meeting Until Fall:** Bob Simon moved and seconded by Connie Rick to postpone the budget portion of the meeting until fall. Motion Carried.

**Set Date for 2023 Annual Meeting:** The date for the next annual meeting is Tuesday April 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

**Comments by Outgoing Chairman:** Bob Simon thanked everyone for their support during the past twelve years.

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

Mary Laudolff, Byron Town Clerk