

MINUTES
Byron Town Hall
Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Town of Byron – Special Hearing & Special Town Meeting on Budget 6:45 pm

Attending: Chairperson Dustin Westphal, Supervisors Aaron Buckarma and Tim Hackbarth, Treasurer Kay Murre, Clerk Mary Laudolfff, Maureen Betz, Bob Simon, Brian Meyer, Katie Trewin, Sharren and Ron Wendler.

Call to Order: Chairman Dustin Westphal called the meeting to order.

Confirm Posting: The meeting was posted at the Town Hall and on the website.

The Board presented the proposed 2024 budget.

Adopt Levy Limit to be paid in 2024: The state allowable levy is \$367,560.00 The Town Board feels this amount is adequate and have proposed a budget accordingly. **MOTION: (Tom Kelroy, Maureen Betz) to approve the 2023 Municipal Levy Limit of \$367,560.00 to be paid in 2024. Motion Carried. 12 yea, 0 nay, 0 Abstain**

Motion to Adjourn: (Bob Simon, Brian Meyer) Motion Carried.

Town of Byron – Regular Board Meeting

Chairperson Dustin Westphal, called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present Agenda: MOTION: (Hackbarth, Buckarma) to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Approve Minutes: MOTION: (Buckarma, Hackbarth) to approve the October 10, 2023 minutes as written with a correction to Unfinished Business, (b) Board Discussion on 2024 Brownsville Fire Co. Motion should be (Buckarma, Hackbarth) not to accept the Brownsville Fire Co. 2024 contract for \$27,000 with agreement to only a \$1,000 increase. Motion Carried.

Approve Bills: MOTION: (Buckarma, Hackbarth) to approve paying the bills as presented. Motion Carried.

Building Permits: Randy Faber reported there were three building permits issued in October: Francis Rogan, power to shed, \$110; American Tower Corp., upgrade cell tower, \$50; Stanton Zielicke, solar inspection, \$85.

Memorial Committee: Tom Kelroy reported there is approximately \$6,400 in the checking account. There was nothing else to report.

Historical Society: Maureen Betz reported the open house/calendar sale and Veterans Day program was on November 11th with the Lomira Legion and Oakfield VFW in attendance. The new calendars are for sale at \$12 each. The monthly open house will be Saturday, November 18th, from 9 am to Noon and the monthly meeting will be on Monday, November 20th. The architecture photos will be on display through 2023. For more details, please refer to the Historical Society's Minutes on the Town's Website: www.townofbyronwi.gov/historical-society

Public Comments: None

Guests: Brownsville Fire Company

Unfinished Business:

- a) **Broad Discussion on 2024 Brownsville Fire Co. Contract:** Several members of the Brownsville Company were in attendance to explain the \$2,500 increase over last year's contract to the Board. **(Motion: Buckarma, Hackbarth) (Opposed: Westphal) to pay an additional \$1,000 above the the \$1,000 approved by the Board last month for a total of \$2,000 for fire service in 2024 for a total amount of \$26,500.00. Motion Carried.**

b) Update on Roads:

- Brush cutting is still ongoing.
- The shared road project with the Town of Lomira at the intersection of Kelly Rd., Butternut Rd. and Fondy Rd. is completed.
- Replacement fire signs have been received and will be installed.

c) Update of Town Hall Ramp: The ramp is completed and looks great.

d) Board Discussion on Board of Appeals Recommendations for Hunter's Point Amended Special Use Permit: The Special Use Permit for Hunter's Point was approved by the Board of Appeals with the stipulation the Permit be reviewed by the Town in one year regarding its compliance with the Special Use Permit.

e) Board Discussion on Halquist Special Use Permit: The Town required Halquist Stone to clean up their berm within the year. This has been accomplished. **Motion: (Hackbarth, Buckarma) to approve Halquist Stone Special Use Permit for four years. Motion Carried.**

f) Board Discussion on Plan Commission Recommendation for Dan Bauer Rezoning: The Plan Commission recommended that 1.41 acres be rezoned from Farm Preservation to Residential. Dan Bauer stated the County approved that a septic system could be installed on the property. **Motion: (Hackbarth, Westphal) to approve the rezoning of 1.41 acres from Farmland Preservation to Residential. Motion Carried.**

g) Board Discussion on Plan Commission Recommendations on Storage Containers as Alternative Storage: The Plan Commission recommended the town board come up with some suggestions. The Board decided they need more information to make a decision. **Motion: (Westphal, Buckarma) to table this item until next month. Motion Carried.**

h) Board Discussion Cell Phones: The Board would like to eliminate a cell phone which is not in use. **Motion: (Hackbarth, Westphal) to table this matter until next month. Motion Carried.**

New Business:

a) Treasurer's Report: Kay Murre read the Treasurer's Report. The checkbook balance is \$155,469.81. 2 matured CD's totaling \$14,750.17 was deposited into the general fund. There are three CD's maturing on 11-28-23 and 12-11-23 totaling approximately \$31,570.15. **Motion: (Hackbarth, Westphal) to deposit these matured CD's into the general fund. Motion Carried.**

(1) Review of Tax Collection Letter: Everything looked correct.

b) Board Approval of Bar Operator Application for Shawna Goodacre: The Board reviewed her application and found the application incomplete and her server certification expired. **Motion: (Buckarma, Hackbarth) to deny Shawna Goodacre's Application. Motion Carried.**

c) Board Discussion and Approval of Envision Greater Fond du Lac Donation: **Motion: (Westphal, Buckarma) to donate \$100 to Envision Greater Fond du Lac. Motion Carried.**

d) WTA Convention Update: Aaron Buckarma, Kay Murre and Mary Laudolff attended the WTA Convention held in Wisconsin Dells. Workshops attended were Shared Revenue and Wisconsin State Budget, Clerks helping Clerks, Meeting Misconceptions, Legal Cracker Barrel, Election Training, Right of Way and Utility Accommodation to name a few.

e) Discussion of Town of Byron Christmas Party: The Board decided to have the Town's annual Holiday get together in January. The costs and date will be looked into. **Motion: (Westphal, Simon) to table this matter until the December Board meeting. Motion Carried.**

Correspondence

- Solicitation letter from Ethoplex Internet

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- **WTA District Christmas Party: Thursday, December 7, 2023 @Avenue 795, Fond du Lac**
- **Next Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 14, 2023 @7:00 p.m.**

(All meetings are held at the Byron Town Hall unless noted otherwise)

Motion: (Hackbarth, Buckarma) to adjourn. Motion Carried. 8:05 p.m.

Mary Laudolff, Clerk

(These minutes are not yet approved and are subject to change)