

Town of Byron
2023 Annual Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Dustin Westphal called the 178th Annual Meeting of the Town of Byron to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Byron Town Hall. Present were Chairman, Dustin Westphal, Supervisors Tim Hackbarth and Aaron Buckarma, Treasurer Kay Murre and Clerk Mary Laudolff , Also present were 7 town residents.. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were 12 voting members present at tonight's meeting.

The agenda and minutes were distributed to everyone present. Aaron Buckarma moved, seconded by Maureen Betz to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

Brenda Hackbarth moved, seconded by Tim Hackbarth to accept the minutes of the April 18, 2023 Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brenda Hackbarth and seconded by Tim Hackbarth 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 Dan Bates and seconded by Aaron Buckarma. Motion Carried.

Kay Murre read the Treasurer's Report. Motion was made by Mary Laudolff and seconded by Katie Trewin. Motion Carried.

The Chairman's Report was then given which included:

a) **Highway Maintenance:** Dustin Westphal reported In 2023 the following was done:

Chip Sealing (Granite Chips)

- Frontage Road (County Y to end)
- River Road (Lost Arrow North to Town Line)
- Maple Ridge Dr.
- Shamrock Court

Blacktopping

Church Road (Hickory Rd. to Hwy 175)

Ditching

Culverts-Bridge Replaced/Repaired

- Twin Oaks Dr.
- Kelly Rd. Bridge near Brookside Rd.

Other Maintenance

- Fall Brush Cutting was completed

Other Matters

- Fondy Rd. & Kelly Rd. improved (Shared Project with Town of Lomira)
- Hamilton Rd., subgrade, repair and blacktop soft spots
- Purchase of new tractor with mower

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. We suggest everyone to subscribe to the website for automatic updates and notices as they are posted. Our website is: www.townofbyronwi.gov

b) **Recycle Report:** Tim Hackbarth reported total recycled in 2023 was 172.81 ton. The total trash collected was 533.78 ton. State grant reward received in 2023 was \$3,597.41. 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, May 22nd 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. Any questions regarding garbage pick-up can be directed to Tim Hackbarth.
- e) **Contribution to Cemeteries Upkeep:** Maureen Betz gave a report on the Byron Cemetery. Bethel Cemetery was also discussed. A Motion was made by Tim Hackbarth and seconded by Aaron Buckarma to donate \$1,500 each to Bethel Church and Byron Cemetery Association. Motion Carried.
- f) **2023 Citizen of the Year:** The 2023 Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Bob Simon. Bob has been and still is an active member of the community. Bob serviced in the U.S. Air Force from 1976-1980. He married his wife 40 years ago and together they raised three children and enjoy eight grandchildren. He served 30 years on the Brownsville Fire Company and remains an honorary member. He has served the township as Chairman for 12 years, the secretary and charter member of the Byron Historical Society and member of the Byron Memorial Committee, send served on the Town/City Cooperative Boundary Committee. He has just been reelected as the Fond du Lac Co. Board-District 8 Supervisor. He is a member of the American Legion and a Lomira school bus for 15 years and counting. Also, Bob is a comedian who has been sharing his jokes with everyone. Thanks Bob for everything you do.

Veterans' Memorial Committee: John Laudloff reported the committee has a healthy cash balance and did not have a cash Raffle as a result. Presently we have no additional names to add to the Memorial. The Memorial Day program will be on May 27th with the Veterans outdoor program commencing at 9:30 am with the VFW and Lomira Legion in attendance.

Historical Society Committee Report: Maureen Betz reported on Memorial Day there will be an open house from 8:00 am to 11:00 a.m.

Town Residents Comments and Input: Brenda Hackbarth commented the new mower used for brush cutting does a much better job and was well worth the investment.

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

Set Date for 2024 Annual Meeting: The date for the 2024 Annual Meeting is set for April 15, 2025 @7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: Kay Murre moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Holly Buckarma. Motion Carried.

Mary Laudloff, Byron Town Clerk