

MINUTES

Byron Town Hall
July 9, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Attending: Chairperson Dustin Westphal, Supervisors Aaron Buckarma, Tim Hackbarth, Treasurer Kay Murre and Clerk Mary Laudloff.

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

Present Agenda: Motion: (Westphal, Buckarma) to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Approve Minutes: MOTION: (Hackbarth, Buckarma) to approve the June 11, 2024 minutes. Motion Carried.

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

Permits: Randy Faber reported that five permits were issued in June: Dan Ticks, back-up generator, \$110; Bruce Wagner, solar panels, \$110; Dan Baurer, garden shed, \$25; Tim St. Mary, foundation repair, \$25; Dennis Buechel, building addition, \$338.

Memorial Committee Report: John Laudloff reported that the next Memorial Committee meeting will be held in September.

Historical Society Report: Maureen Betz reported there will be an open house held on Saturday, July 13th, 9:00 am to Noon and the monthly meeting on July 15th at 7:00 pm. Eleanor Rhodes will be the featured speaker. Calendars are also for sale. The theme for the 2025 calendar is 4-H Clubs. Maureen suggested that a sign be posted that the basement is for authorized personnel as it is not handicapped assessable. The Board was in agreement. For more information, please refer to the Historical Society's website: www.townofbyronwi.gov/historicalsociety

Public Comments: Lamont Wilder inquired about the culvert on Barton Road that was flooded because of the last rain/flooding.

Guest: Mark Born, candidate for State representative, 37th Assembly District introduced himself. After the restructuring of the district maps, our township is now in this district.

Unfinished Business

a) Update on Roads:

- The township experienced extensive damage due to the recent flooding.
- 2 ½ culverts and sidewall of another was washed out as well as shoulders
- Damage was on S. Barton, River, Church, Kenyon, Lost Arrow, Hickory and Kelly Rd.
- The Town has declared a disaster with the State of Wisconsin. Damage is estimated at approximately \$70,000. With this declaration, the town hopes to retrieve 70% of this cost.
- The County and the Township have been busy repairing the damage as fast as possible,
- Wedging has been completed on the designated roads with shouldering to be done yet

b) Update on Kelly Crosswalk: Dustin Westphal checked into this matter with the County and the WTA Attorney. The town has approval to proceed with this project. The county will paint and install signs for this crosswalk which will be located on Kelly Rd. between the farm buildings and field across the road. **Motion: (Buckarma, Hackbarth) to proceed with the crosswalk with the expenses incurred to be billed to Tim Kelly. Motion Carried.**

c) Update on N3163 State Road 175, ALA Landscaping Nuisance Compliance: We have had no more complaints regarding the noise.

d) Update on Facebook Implementation: Katie Trewin has done extensive research on this issue and it was decided to have Katie tweet the page and present it to the next meeting. Upon approval, the town will make it live at that time.

- e) **Discussion of Internet Connection/Historical Society:** The Town and the Historical Society has been sharing the past internet service with the entire cost absorbed by the Historical Society. The expense of disconnecting the previous service and the new connection was also absorbed by them. The Board agreed to pick up half of this expense.

New Business

- a) **Treasurer's Report:** The checkbook balance is \$343,756.75
- b) **Board Approval of Resolution Ratifying the Proclamation Declaring a Disaster. Motion: (Westphal, Hackbarth) to approve the Resolution Ratifying the Proclamation Declaring a Disaster. Motion Carried.**
- b) **Board Approval of Bartender License Application for Jessica Hanson. Motion: (Hackbarth, Buckarma) to approve the application for Jessica Hanson pending receipt of her course certificate. Motion Carried.**

Correspondence:

- The Town received a Thank you note from Bethel Cemetery for the generous donation
- There is a TAC Listening Session scheduled on July 17, 2024.
- Noise Compliant Email from Nathan Protratz

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- **Partisan Primary, Tuesday, August 13, 2024**
- Next Town Board Meeting: **Wednesday, August 24, 2024 @7:00 p.m.**
(All meetings are held at the Byron Town Hall unless noted otherwise)

Motion to Adjourn: (Westphal, Buckarma) Motion Carried. Time: 7:59 p.m.

Mary Laudolff/Clerk

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