

## MINUTES

Byron Town Hall  
October 8, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

**Approve Minutes:** MOTION: (Westphal, Buckarma) to approve September 10, 2024 minutes. Motion Carried.

**Approve Bills:** MOTION: (Westphal, Hackbarth) to approve paying the bills as presented, approving automatic credit card payment of Bug Tussel monthly invoice and to pay \$100 donation to Envision Fond du Lac. (Hackbarth, Buckarma) Motion Carried.

**Permits:** Randy Faber reported that fourteen permits were issued in September: Fond du Lac Stone, new electrical, \$100; TAK Communications, WI, ROW permit, \$50; Kevin Batterman, driveway permit, \$25; Dan Fink, underground electric service, \$110; Greg Mies, build fence, \$25; Mary Rhein, replace window, \$25; Duane Eggers, install EV charger, \$110; Randy Faber, remodel bathroom, \$50; John Laudolff, new roof, replace siding, \$25; David Lamers, replace windows & outbuilding, \$75; Steve Inks, new addition, \$245; Mark Gresbach, new roof, \$25; Alan Streat, new roof, \$25; Ehlert Welding Co., new entrance doors & crane, \$50.

**Memorial Committee Report:** No Report

**Historical Society Report:** Maureen Betz reported there will be an open house held on Saturday, October 19th, 9:00 am to Noon and the monthly meeting on October 21st at 7:00 pm. They will have a Veteran's Day Essay Contest for Lomira High School students, with the winner announced November 9<sup>th</sup>. November 9<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 2 pm, open house, calendar sale and veterans' remembrance. Doors open at 10 am with Veterans Remembrance at 11 am. Historical Society Contacts: Mail: PO Box 466, Byron, WI 53006; Electronically: [byronhistorical@att.net](mailto:byronhistorical@att.net). Appointment: Call 920-922-5351. For more information, please refer to the Historical Society's website: [www.townofbyronwi.gov/historicalsociety](http://www.townofbyronwi.gov/historicalsociety).

**Public Comments:** None

**Guest: Sarah Poquette, Oakfield School District Administrator:** Sarah explained in detail the operational referendum that is to be voted on November 5<sup>th</sup>. The funds would go to maintaining educational programs, building maintenance and staff retention.

### Unfinished Business

#### a) Update on Roads:

- Church Road shouldering is completed
- Grass and brush cutting is underway
- It has been reported trees have been cut down in the town's 30' right of way where stumps were left that is detrimental to our grass & brush cutting equipment
- Additional road signs have been vandalized and we are working with Fond du Lac County Sheriff's office.
- The Disaster Declaration funding applied for has been extended until the end of October for projects to be completed.
- Crosswalk signs have been installed at Kelly Farm.

#### b) Update on N4050 River Rd. Violation: A certified letter was sent and receipt received by the owner. The deadline for compliance is November 14, 2024.

c) **Board Discussion on 2025 Fire Contracts for:**

- 1) **Eden Fire Department:** We receive an estimate of costs for the coming year with this year's at \$16,146.68. The Town paid \$14,419.87 in 2024.
- 2) **Brownsville Fire Company, Inc.:** Their 2025 contract was for \$27,500, \$1000 more than last year. Last year the town paid \$2,000 over the previous year. **Motion: (Buckarma, Hackbarth) to not accept the 2025 contract of \$27,500 and to keep the amount of 2024 contract at \$26,500. Motion Carried.**
- 3) **Oakfield Fire Department:** The 2025 contract price is the same as the 2024 of \$30,893.40. This price has not changed for seven years. **Motion: (Westphal, Buckarma) to accept Oakfield Fire Department's 2025 contract of \$30,893.40. Motion Carried.**

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**New Business**

- a) **Treasurer's Report:** Kay Murre reported that the checkbook balance is \$95,239.87. She informed the board that CD #403199 will mature 10/17/2024. The Board decided to invest this amount in a new CD for 15 months at \$4%.
- b) **WTA Convention, October 6-8, 2024:** The convention held in Steven's Point was attended by Kay Murre and Mary Laudloff. Election training as well as other informative clerk and treasurer's sessions were attended.
- c) **WTA Workshop, September 18, 2024:** This workshop held at the Radisson in Fond du Lac was an all-day session focusing on clerk duties throughout the year.
- d) **Schedule Board Budget Meeting: October 24, 2024, 6:00 p.m.** The Board meets to prepare the 2025 budget.

**Correspondence** None

**Upcoming Meetings/Events**

- **Board Budget Meeting:** October 24, 2024 @6:00 p.m.
- **General Election:** November 5, 2024
- **Next Town Board Meeting:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 @7:00 p.m.

**Motion to Adjourn: (Buckarma, Westphal) Motion Carried. Time: 7:39 p.m.**

Mary Laudloff/Clerk

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