

MINUTES
Byron Town Hall
Tuesday, November 12, 2024
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 Laudolff, Brian Meyer, John Laudolff, Randy Hefter and Melanie Westphal.

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 2025 budget.

Public Hearing in Proposed Budget: Randy Hefter inquired what the Intergovernmental Revenues consist of. These are State Shared Revenues, Lottery Credit, State Transportation Aid, Recycling Grant, County Sales Tax Allocation, etc.

Adopt Levy Limit to be paid in 2025: The state allowable levy is \$374,960.00. The Town Board feels this amount is adequate and has proposed a budget accordingly. **MOTION: (Melanie Westphal, John Laudolff) moved to adopt the 2024 budget of \$374, 960.00 to be paid in 2025. Motion Carried. 7 Aye, 2 nay.**

Motion to Adjourn: (Melanie Westphal, Mary Laudolff) 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, Westphal) to approve the October 8, 2024 minutes as written.

Approve Bills: MOTION: (Hackbarth, Buckarma) to approve paying the bills as presented with the exception of holding check #21801 payable to Fond du Lac County Highway Dept. for \$55,379.80. Motion Carried.

Building Permits: Randy Faber reported there were nine building permits issued in October: John Wiltzius, rebuild horsebarn building, \$420; Glen Lutzke, back-up generator, \$100; Frank Eimiller, ROW permit, \$50; Charles Rochwite, new windows, \$25; Gloria Sampson, raze trailer & garage, \$50; Leann Smith, rebuild garage, \$50; Jim Kelroy, raze barn and silos, \$25; Tim Waltz, garage addition, \$200; Ken Wendorf, back-up generator, \$135.

Memorial Committee: John Laudolff reported the Oakfield Post 8092 and the Lomira Legion participated in the Veteran's Day Remembrance on November 9th at 11:00 a.m.

Historical Society: Maureen Betz reported the open house/calendar sale and Veterans Day program was on November 9th. As part of the Veteran's Day program Jim Kelroy read Kincade Todl's essay, the winner of the essay contest sponsored through the Ed Kelroy Memorial Fund. The new calendars are for sale at \$12 each. The monthly open house will be Saturday, November 16th, from 9 am to Noon and the monthly meeting will be on Monday, November 18th. For more details, please refer to the Historical Society's Minutes on the Town's Website: www.townofbyronwi.gov/historical-society

Public Comments: Katie Trewin inquired if there were to be any guardrails on the culvert recently installed on Kelly and Brookside road. The answer was no.

Unfinished Business:

- a) **Broad Discussion on 2025 Brownsville Fire Co. Contract:** Several members of the Brownsville Company were in attendance to explain to the Board the 2025 contract of \$27,500, which is a \$1,000 increase over last year's contract to the Board. The Fire Co. stands firm on the amount of the contract. The Board refused to accept the 2025 contract as the 2024 contract of \$26,500 was \$2,000 above the previous year. The Town's budget cannot absorb this increase. Brownsville Fire Co. will report the Board's conditions at their next meeting. This matter will be discussed at

the Town's December Board Meeting

b) Update on Roads:

- Brush cutting is completed and the equipment is ready for snow.
- The large stones at the property on Abel Drive will be moved to allow better access for the snowplow.
- Trees along Abel Dr. need trimming and fill at the end of the road was discussed.
- The roof and gutters on the town hall were repaired.
- The salt shed needs some repairs.

1) **Board discussion of Disaster Funding:** The Town declared a disaster for the the flood damages incurred last June. The application was submitted timely only to find out last Friday, the State does not have any funds left to distribute at this time. As a result, the \$70,000 the town has incurred on these damages will have to be paid in part with CD's that are maturing at the end of December 2024, with the intent on replacing the funds when and if the State Disaster Funds are received.

Motion: (Westphal, Buckarma) to cash CD #350802, 3500536, 355585, 355593 which are maturing by the end of December for a total of \$39,784.17, to be deposited in general fund for disaster expenditures. Motion Carried.

- c) **Board Discussion on Garbage Pickup:** Tim Hackbarth contacted Harter's Disposal to discuss a possible cost reduction if recycling was picked up every other week. The savings were minimal. There will be a 6% cost increase in 2025. **Motion: (Buckarma, Hackbarth) to raise the annual assessment for garbage pickup to \$224 per household. Motion Carried.**
- d) **Board Discussion on N4050 River Rd. Violation, deadline November 14, 2024.**
The Board will table this matter.

New Business:

- a) **Treasurer's Report:** Kay Murre read the Treasurer's Report. The checkbook balance is \$70,921.66.
- b) **Action to Approve the 2025 Budget: Motion: (Westphal, Buckarma) to approve the 2025 Budget approved by the Town Electors: Motion Carried.**
- c) **Discussion of Town Christmas Party:** The Board agreed to keep the cost and venue the same as last year.
- d) **Board Approval of Bar Operator Application for Jessica Castaneda:** The Board reviewed her application and approved the application and server certification. **Motion: (Buckarma, Hackbarth) to approve Jessica Castaneda's Application. Motion Carried.**

Correspondence

- The Town received a thank you letter from Scott Construction

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- **Community Response Service Meeting: November 14, 2024 @Lomira Municipal Building**
- **WTA District Christmas Meeting: Thursday, December 5, 2024 @Avenue 795, Fond du Lac**
- **Next Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 10,2024 @7:00 p.m.**
(All meetings are held at the Byron Town Hall unless noted otherwise)

Motion: (Westphal, Buckarma) to adjourn. Motion Carried. 8:07 p.m.

Mary Laudolff, Clerk

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