

MINUTES

Byron Town Hall
January 14, 2025 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: (Hackbarth, Buckarma) to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Approve Minutes: MOTION: (Westphal, Hackbarth) to approve December 10, 2024 minutes. Motion Carried.

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

Permits: Randy Faber reported that six permits were issued in December: Robert Sabel, finish basement, \$110; Benjamin Schwab, chicken permit, \$25; Bruce Christie, new deck, \$25; Benjamin Schwab, new fence, \$25; FDL Natural Stone/Jim Geelan, raze barn & silos, \$50; Kraig Peterson, EV charging power supply, \$110.

Memorial Committee Report: No Report

Historical Society Report: Maureen Betz reported there will be an open house held on Saturday, January 18, 9:00 am to Noon and the monthly meeting on January 20th at 7:00 pm. Historical Society Contacts: Mail: PO Box 466, Byron, WI 53006; Electronically: byronhistorical@att.net. Appointment: Call 920-922-5351. For more information, please refer to the Historical Society's website: www.townofbyronwi.gov/historicalsociety.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished Business

a) Update on Roads:

- Everything is caught up regarding road maintenance.
- More junk was picked up on Lost Arrow Road

b) Discussion on N4050 River Rd. Violation: Dustin Westphal contacted our attorney regarding this violation. He suggested procedures to follow. **Motion: (Buckarma, Hackbarth) to authorize our attorney to send a 15-day compliance letter and to file a lawsuit at circuit court for the N4050 River Road Violation. Motion Carried.**

c) Board ap Appeals Alternate Position Appointment: Ron Engel's death left an open alternate position on the Board of Appeals. **Motion: (Hackbarth, Buckarma) to approve Eric Westphal for Ron Engel's position as an alternate for the rest of Ron's term. Motion Carried.**

d) Review & Renew Human Society Contract: The Board OKed the renewal, which is the same as last year.

e) Review CTS 2025 Services Agreement for Renewal: Computer Trouble Shooters submitted their 2025 CT Foundations Plus proposal for Cybersecurity and Management for Hardware and Software Services for three PCs. After Discussion by the Board, it was decided only two PCs were needed which are for the clerk and treasurer. The town hall PC is no longer needed. **Motion: (Buckarma, Hackbarth) to renew CTS 2025 Agreement but for only two PCs. Motion Carried.**

New Business

- a) Treasurer's Report:** Kay Murre reported that the checkbook balance is \$140,317.35. Four CDs have matured before December 31st and were cashed in for a total amount of \$40,118.05. **Motion: (Hackbarth, Buckarma) to reinvest the \$40,118.05 into 15-month CD at a rate of 3.90%. Motion Carried.**
- b) Treasurer Ballot Placement:** Kay Murre and Jodi Mago-Daniels are both running for the Treasurer position in the Spring election. Cards were placed with the high card as the first listed on the ballot. Jodi Mago-Daniels drew #7, Kay Murre #3.

- c) **Review of Non-Board Salaries:** The Board decided it was time for wage increases for non-board hourly rate: Deputy Clerk & Treasurer, non-Board doing other duties, janitor/maintenance are currently \$15 to raise to \$20. Ron Wendler's hourly rate is \$24 to be raised to \$25. **Motion: (Westphal, Buckarma) to approve raising the hourly rate from \$15 to \$20 and Ron Wendler's rate from \$24 to \$25. Motion Carried.** It was also discussed that Randy Faber, permit issuer, attends the Board meeting to report on permits, should be paid for his time. **Motion: (Buckarma, Westphal) to pay \$40 for each Board meeting attended. Motion Carried.**
- d) **Correspondence**

- Bulky Waste pick-up will be May 7th

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- Next Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 @7:0:0 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: (Buckarma, Westphal) Motion Carried. Time: 8:01 p.m.

Mary Laudloff/Clerk

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