

MINUTES

Byron Town Hall
January 13th, 2026 7:00 PM

Attending: Chairperson Dustin Westphal, Supervisors Aaron Buckarma, Tim Hackbarth, Treasurer Kay Murre, and Clerk Katie Trewin

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

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

Approve Minutes: MOTION: (Hackbarth, Buckarma) to approve the December 9th, 2025 minutes as written.

Approve Bills: Motion (Westphal, Buckarma) to approve paying the bills as presented with two additional brought up at the meeting. Motion Carried.

Permits Issued: Randy Faber reported 3 permits for December. Bob & Kaitlyn Hefter, Finish lower level \$25.00; Zinke Dairy Farms, 72x120 Outbuilding \$140.00; WeEnergies/Stark Asphalt Corp, ROW Permit \$50.00.

Memorial Committee Report: Tom Kelroy reported that the checkbook balance is \$7012.10. Tom brought up the lights not working out front of the town hall. (The board and committee checked after meeting and it was a breaker issue)

Historical Society Report: Monthly Open House, Saturday January 17th, from 9:00 a.m. -Noon: Walk-ins welcome. Monthly meeting is December 15th at 7 pm. Dr. Karl McCarty will be presenting on his latest book *From LeRoy to the World* at the January 19th monthly meeting.

Public Comments: Tom Kelroy asked about chipsealing that was done on the Town roads, specifically Church Road and the product that came off the sides of the road. Dustin said that is normal and they chose smaller granules and applied it thicker this year so that when the plow takes it off it will dissolve in the grass better.

Unfinished Business

- **Update on Roads:**
 - Plowing as needed
 - Getting estimates lined up to do brushcutting in the spring
- **ATV/UTV Routes**
 - Oakfield Area ATV/UTV club member was present and shared updates from Sam Kaufman regarding opening up more portions of County roads.
 - It was proposed to submit an application to the County for the following connecting routes: Co Hwy AY in South Byron at Town limits south .09 miles to Dodge Co. Line, Co Hwy B in Byron starting at Co Hwy D east 3.56 miles to Hwy 175, Co Hwy F in Byron starting at Mill Pond Rd. east 2.03 miles to Hickory Rd. Oakfield said that they would cover the application costs. **Motion: (Westphal, Buckarma) to approve the additional routes to be submitted to the FLD CO Highway Dept. MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business

- A) **Treasurer's Report:** The Checkbook balance is \$233,299.98.
- B) **Town CD's:** The Town has budgeted and set aside money to pay assessor for Re-evaluation being completed during 2026 for the entire Town. **Motion: (Westphal, Buckarma) to let 3 CD's**

mature and deposit the money into our general account to pay for Assessor costs. The CD maturing on 1/17/26 for \$21,420.53, and Two CD's maturing on 1/21/26 for \$17,053.16 and \$10,218.43. And to reinvest \$25,000 into a 37 month CD @ 3.95% for Capital Improvement as well as \$5,000 into a 26 month CD @ 3.75% for Assessment. Motion Carried.

- C) Fond du Lac Humane Society Contract: **Motion: (Westphal, Hackbarth) to sign the 2026 Humane Society contract for dog only intake. 2 ayes, 1 nay. Motion Carried.**
- D) **Garbage removal for N3052 Kelly Rd:** The resident reached out that they own a second dwelling next to their primary residence, and the tax bill for the dwelling incorrectly has a garbage pickup fee. This issue probably goes back to the switch from Advanced Disposal to Harter's. This dwelling has had garbage costs on the tax bill since 2023 and is not on the Harter's pickup list. The board decided that residents should look at their tax bill when it arrives and reach out to the town if any garbage changes/corrections need to be made and they can correct it on next years tax bill. The clerk can only edit these things on a tax bill in November each year before tax bills are printed.
- E) **Tim Schaefer - W6449 Hwy F & N3291 Hickory Rd:** These properties have received several public nuisance complaints due to ongoing mess and lack of upkeep. Neighbors have reported clutter around the property and multiple cars spread across the area.
- F) **Prepare for Spring Newsletter:** Town Board members and others that have excerpts in the spring newsletter should have them written by the February town board meeting in order to get the newsletter out in sufficient time.

Correspondence: We received notice that Dodge county is reviewing their comprehensive plan their meeting 6:00 February 11th at the FDL city/county building.

- Paperwork was received from Michels Corp to apply for possible converting land into a stone quarry at N3895 State Road 175.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- Next Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 13th 2025 @7:00 p.m.
- Town Christmas Party: Date Thursday, January 15th @ Katy's Log Cabin.

Katie Trewin/Clerk

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