

## MINUTES

Byron Town Hall  
February 10th, 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: (Hackbarth, Buckarma) to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion Carried.**

**Approve Minutes:** MOTION: (Westphal, Hackbarth) to approve the January 13th, 2026 minutes as written.

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

**Permits Issued:** Randy Faber reported 1 permit for January. Chris Possehl, Install Generator \$115.00.

**Memorial Committee Report:** No members present.

**Historical Society Report:** Despite a cold evening, we had a full house for our January meeting which featured Dr. Karl McCarty and Earl Kehmeyer talking about Earl's book , From LeRoy to the World. **February 14, 2026** – Monthly Open House, Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. -Noon: Walk-ins welcome. Research questions, calendar purchases, donations, membership renewals, etc. Location: Town of Byron Town Hall, N3097 Highway 175, Byron, WI 53006. **February 16, 2026** –Join us for our monthly meeting beginning at 7 pm at the Byron Town Hall. We will be discussing our upcoming Camp Byron book and upcoming events at the BHS.

**Public Comments:** Kevin Baker was present representing the Oakfield Fire Department to notify us their department failed an audit due to annual testing, training, and inspections which will cause them to not get their 2% dues.

### **Unfinished Business**

- **Update on Roads:**
  - The board will likely apply for a new small structures grant that is available to replace culverts in the town.
  - Forward Wind Farm provided a map of roads they will travel to replace wind turbines in the town.
- **ATV/UTV Routes**
  - Oakfield Area ATV/UTV 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, Co Hwy Y in Byron starting at Mill Pond Rd. east .94 miles to Oaklane Rd. Oakfield submitted Town of Byron a check covering the application costs. **Motion: (Westphal, Hackbarth) to approve the additional routes to be submitted to the FLD CO Highway Dept. MOTION CARRIED.**
- **Update on Schaefer Nuisance:** The Town attorney is going to send another letter to Tim about cleaning up his properties. If no action is taken after receiving the letter, a lawsuit will commence.

### **New Business**

- A) **Treasurer's Report:** The Checkbook balance is \$233,299.98

B) **Town CD's:** The town had motioned last month to move money into two different CD's, but the rates unexpectedly changed. After discussion, the town board decided to not invest the budgeted amount of \$30,000 for Capital Improvement and instead use it to refurbish one of the town plow trucks, and the smaller maintenance truck. **Motion: (Hackbarth, Buckarma) to invest \$5,000 into a 26 month CD @ 3.75% for Assessment. Motion Carried.**

C) **Truck Discussion:** The board discussed getting bids to refurbish by sand blasting and painting the frame and box on the 2012 Western Star plow truck and 2008 Chevy 3500 dually.

D) **Spring WTA meetings:** Dustin and Aaron will attend two online WTA workshops in March.

**Correspondence:** Dustin shared a letter he received from Town of Auburn Clerk – Bonnie Berg. She did some research about neighboring counties and their property taxes. Example was the assessed value of a \$450,000 home in each county. The county portion of taxes for a home of this value in Dodge county was \$1500, Fond du Lac county was \$2200, Sheboygan County was \$1500, Washington County was \$780, and Winnebago County was \$1600. The proposed jail project for the county is anticipated to cost each taxpayer \$162 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

Katie shared a complaint about dump truck traffic coming from Michels quarry on 175 and turning onto B. This traffic has affected the residents in the Timber Trail subdivision. The truck traffic runs through all hours of the night and a resident asked if there was any restriction on this. Dustin had already looked into the permits, and unfortunately there is a set hour span for blasting, but not for operating and truck traffic. The board noted they should consider updating that when the quarry permits get renewed next.

#### **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

- Next Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 10th 2026 @7:00 p.m.
- Fond du Lac County Unit Meeting: Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

**Motion to adjourn:** (Buckarma, Westphal) Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Katie Trewin/Clerk

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