

MINUTES

Byron Town Hall
March 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, Buckarma) to approve the February 10th, 2026 minutes as written.

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

Permits Issued: Randy Faber reported 5 permits for February. Gloria Sampson, Barn windows & siding \$89.00; Steven Inks, Back-up Generator \$115.00; Ken & Marie Koch Remodel Bathroom \$50.00; Vtekk LLC Remodel Home & addition \$400.00; Stark Pavement, New Electric Service \$115.00.

Memorial Committee Report: No members present. **May 25th 2026** 8am-11am Memorial Day Program & Open House, outdoor program begins at 9:30 am.

Historical Society Report: April 20th will be the 4th Annual Byron Jeopardy at their annual meeting starting at 7pm. **March 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. **March 16, 2026** – monthly meeting, will discuss Memorial Day and June 6 Celebration (Yellowstone Trail, BHS 20th Anniversary, Nation's 250th Birthday (at time minutes were written meeting was decidedly cancelled due to impending snow storm). Upcoming events: **May 25th 2026** 8am-11am Memorial Day Program & Open House, outdoor program begins at 9:30 am. June 15th meeting featuring Bill Volkert, naturalist and wildlife educator. July 20th meeting featuring Owen and Sam Stoppleworth of Brothers Antiques.

Public Comments: There were none.

Unfinished Business

- **Update on Roads:** Dustin shared that he spoke with the county about our Town's failing culverts. Lost Arrow, Hickory, Mill-pond, and Kelly Road. Estimates are being completed for Hickory and Mill Pond road currently. Planning to Crack Fill stretches of Kenyon Road, Church Road, Kelly Road, and Oaklane to prepare for chip sealing this year. Dustin met with Railroad company, they are replacing crossing guards on Church Road. More tires are being dumped in the ditches in our town. When this happens the town has to pay to turn these tires into American. If anyone sees/hears of people driving into our town to dump please let the town board know or take down their license plate number.
- **Small Structure grant:** Dustin received a contract from Jewell Engineering that will complete a grant process for us to apply for a small-structure grant which would go toward culvert replacements. **Motion: (Hackbarth, Buckarma)** to accept the services agreement from Jewell Engineering to complete two small-structure grant applications(LSSIP) at \$500.00 each for the town. Motion Carried.
- **Truck Discussion:** Aaron received two estimates to refurbish the 2012 Western Star plow truck and the 2007 Chevy 3500. **Motion: (Buckarma, Hackbarth)** to contract Futureworks, INC to

refurbish two Town trucks, the Western Star at an estimate of \$7970.00 and the '07 Chevy 3500 at an estimate of \$6300.00. **Motion Carried.**

- **Tree Cutting estimates:** The town got two estimates from different tree cutting services to do some brush cutting on town roads. **Motion: (Buckarma, Hackbarth)** to hire Chuck's Tree Service to complete trimming and removal of overgrown and hazardous trees at an estimate of \$8900.00. **Motion Carried.**
- **Update on website:** Since switching our website from Townweb to a Wordpress website we have an issue with our agenda and minutes attachments on the website. Aaron spoke with our tech services and we need to purchase a plug-in at \$199/year to make this feature workable again. **Motion: (Hackbarth, Buckarma)** to approve purchase at \$199/year. **Motion Carried.**
- **Update on Newsletter:** Newsletter is complete and will be sent to printer day following meeting.
- **Fire Inspection Ordinance:** Oakfield was audited due to lack of inspections. Oakfield fire department approached the town to create a new ordinance for inspections. The board decided just to leave our ordinance as is and Oakfield will have to complete expected inspections.
- **Update on Schaefer Nuisance:** Tim was served papers to clean the properties up and he did not. The town attorney advised that a raze order could be issued for the garage on N3291 hickory rd. This could be added in to the current complaint. The board agreed to continue on with legal action through the town attorney and to add the raze order.
- **Michels Stone quarry hours:** Bob Bingen was present to speak about complaints from the Michels quarry. Complaints include truck traffic and stone crushers running overnight. Dustin stated the quarry hours are 6am-6pm M-F and 6am-2pm on Saturday. Bob shared that they were in the middle of a large job and had truck availability to complete it. He said he believes the worst part of it is over and they should be resuming normal hours. If they need to exceed regular hours moving forward they will contact Dustin about using a different quarry that is further from residential neighborhoods.

New Business

- A) **Treasurer's Report:** The Checkbook balance is \$331,002.14. Since the board did not use all of the money budgeted to refurbish the town trucks thanks to reasonable estimates, they decided to invest the remaining budgeted money into a CD. **Motion: (Westphal, Buckarma)** to invest \$10,000 into a 15 month CD at 4%. **Motion Carried.**
- B) **N3104 State Road 175:** This discussion has been tabled until next month.
- C) **Board Approval of 3 year terms for Board of Appeals and Plan Commission Members:** 3 Board of Appeals members terms are up for renewal: Randy Faber, Tim Schaumberg, Kathi Jo Wondra-Schraufnagel. **Motion: (Hackbarth, Buckarma)** to approve a 3 year term expiring in 2029 for the Board of Appeals members up for renewal. **Motion Carried.** 2 Plan Commission members terms are up for renewal: Steve Wessing and George Trewin. Steven Steffes would also be added as an alternate for a 3 year term. **Motion: (Hackbarth, Buckarma)** to approve 3 year terms on Plan Commission for the mentioned members that would expire in 2029. **Motion Carried.**
- D) **Approval of Finance Committee:** This committee does research on other towns in the county to inquire typical salaries/wages for their town board. Maureen Betz, Mary Rhein, and Jeff Butzke have agreed to serve on this committee. **Motion: (Buckarma, Westphal)** to approve this committee and its members. **Motion Carried.**

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- Spring Election: Tuesday, April 7th 2026 7:00 am-8:00 pm
- Next Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 14th 2026 @7:00 p.m.
- Annual Meeting: April 21st, 2026 @ 7:00 pm

Correspondence: Tim attended the FDL Co. unit meeting and shared what he learned. The FDL jail feasibility study results would be complete in June/July. There might be a referendum regarding the jail on November ballot. There are 2 ICE deputies as well as officers in the county. Fond du Lac county is not pursuing a data center.

Motion to adjourn: (Buckarma, Hackbarth) Meeting was adjourned at 8:00p.m.

Katie Trewin/Clerk

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