

Town of Byron
2025 Annual Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2025 7:00 p.m.

Dustin Westphal called the 180th Annual Meeting of the Town of Byron to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Byron Town Hall. Present were Chairman, Dustin Westphal, Supervisors Tim Hackbarth and Aaron Buckarma, and Clerk Katie Trewin , Also present were 14 town residents. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were 19 voting members present at tonight's meeting.

The agenda and minutes were distributed to everyone present. Bob Hall moved, seconded by Steven Steffes to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

Bruce Dilling moved, seconded by Bob Hall to accept the minutes of the April 15, 2024 Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Steven Steffes and seconded by Margaret Hecker to dispense with the reading of all the orders of the Clerks report. Motion carried.

Katie Trewin read the Clerk's Report . Motion was made to accept the Clerk's Report by Bruce Dilling and seconded by Holly Buckarma. Motion Carried.

Katie Trewin read the Treasurer's Report in Kay's absence. Motion was made by Bob Hall and seconded by Steven Steffes. Motion Carried.

The Chairman's Report was then given which included:

1) **Highway Maintenance:** Dustin Westphal reported In 2025 the following was done:

Chip Sealing

- Church Road from Hwy 175 – culd de sac
- Hickory Rd from Cty Y to Cty F
- Mill Pond Rd from Cty Y to Cty F
- Oaklane Rd from Cty Y to town line.

Blacktopping & wedging

- West Byron Road was black topped 1.5 miles
- Wedging:
 - Lost Arrow Rd – RR tracks west to Hickory Road
 - Martin Road – Lost Arrow to town line

Brush Cutting

- Ron Wendler has been busy keeping the ditches clear.

2) **Newsletter comments – Web site comments**

- a) Dustin shared that there is a town Facebook page, which can be useful for quick updates like garbage pickup changes. The page is still building a following. Link to page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61565560250371>
- b) The Town website has been redone. There are a lot of documents that need to be uploaded from the past. A subscriber feature should be available in the near future: <https://townofbyronwi.gov/>
- c) The newsletter was sent out earlier this year and will continue to be sent out in future years in late March.

3) **Recycle Report** was given by Tim Hackbarth. The State grant reward received in 2025 was \$3,600.59. The total trash collected was 546.57 tons. Total Recycling was 229.49 tons.

- a) Tim also reported that this year's **Bulk waste pickup** is May 6th. This is easier for Harter's to obtain equipment for. All information regarding bulky pick-up is also available on the Town website: <https://townofbyronwi.gov/bulky-waste/> .

4) **Contribution to Cemeteries Upkeep:** Dustin read a letter from the Bethel Cemetery Association thanking the town for the donation each year and how it helps their upkeep/improvements. Maureen Betz expressed thanks for the donation from

the town as well as a request to continue the donation for the following year for the Byron Cemetery. A Motion was made by Bruce Dilling and seconded by Steven Steffes to donate \$1500 each to Bethel Cemetery and Byron Cemetery Association. Motion Carried.

- 5) **2026 Citizen of the Year:** It is with great pleasure that we present our Town of Byron 2025 Citizen of the Year Award to Joyce Kindschuh. Joyce first visited Byron in 1943 when she participated in the summer program at Camp Byron. She never dreamed that in another decade she would meet and marry Cal Kindschuh, whose farm was across the road from her beloved Camp Byron. Joyce and Cal farmed and raised four children: Jeff, Patti, Curt, and Steve. After Cal's untimely death, Joyce has continued as a guiding matriarch for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and for the Camp Ground neighborhood. Calling Byron her home for 71 years, Joyce has given generously of her time and talent to our community. Gifted in the culinary arts, Joyce taught her skills to countless youth as foods leader with the South Byron 4-H Club and as superintendent of the foods department at the Fond du Lac County Fair for 22 years. Among her many roles in supporting local education, Joyce was active in the Oakfield School Music Association, on the building committee for Belle Reynolds School and Oakfield High School, and as Camp Ground School Board treasurer. In addition, as a member of the Oakfield United Methodist Church, she served on the building committee, the church council, the ladies fellowship, and as head of the dessert department for all church dinners for 40 years. She was also a dedicated member of the South Byron Grange. As a founding member of the Byron Historical Society, Joyce regularly broadens our knowledge of Byron's history through her keen recollections of the past and her preservationist spirit. We are grateful for all the gifts she has shared with us as she continues to make our community a better place. Thank you, Joyce.

The Town of Byron Town Board met Joyce at her house and presented her with the Citizen of the Year Award on a Thursday in March. She was awarded this just weeks before she passed away.

<https://www.kurkifuneralchapel.com/obituaries/joyce-kindschuh/#!/Obituary>

Memorial Committee Report: No members present.

Historical Society Report: Maureen shared her report. Memorial Day program is May 25th. On June 6th there will be a celebration to celebrate Yellowstone Trail, 180 years of the Town of Byron and 250 years of our nation. The Byron Historical Society meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 pm and an open house is available to researchers from 9-noon the Saturday prior to each monthly meeting.

Town Residents Comments and Input: Bob Simon shared there will be an Open House at the Fond du Lac County Campus Friday May 8th from 2-4 pm.

Motion to Postpone Budget Portion of Meeting Until Fall: Steven Steffes moved and seconded by Bruce Dilling to postpone the budget portion of the meeting until fall. Motion Carried.

Set Date for 2025 Annual Meeting: The date for the 2026 Annual Meeting: The date for the 2025 Annual Meeting is set for April 20th, 2027 @ 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: Bob Simon moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Bob Dilling. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Katie Trewin, Byron Town Clerk

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