

MINUTES

Byron Town Hall
April 14th, 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, Hackbarth) to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Approve Minutes: Motion: (Westphal, Buckarma) to approve the March 10th, 2026 minutes as written.

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

Permits Issued: Randy Faber reported 7 permits for April. Mark Marion, Kitchen remodel & new windows \$100.00; Garret Moenk, Replace door/window \$25.00; Eric Doll, steps/masonry deck \$25.00; Jason and Karin Poole, 30'x40' outbuilding \$205; Tim/Dean Retzlaff, Garden Shed \$25.00; Gregory Mies, 10'x24' shed \$25; Leonard Koenigs, Driveway concrete 30'x40' \$25.

Memorial Committee Report: No members present. **May 25th 2026** 8am-11am Memorial Day Program & Open House, outdoor program begins at 9:30 am. New lights donated by Wisconsin Lighting Lab will be installed prior to Memorial Day.

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. **June 6th 9 am – 3 pm** Celebration (Yellowstone Trail, BHS 20th Anniversary, Nation's 250th Birthday. 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

- **Open Sealed Road Bids:** Proposals were opened from Scott Construction, Fahrner Asphalt Sealers (others?) **Motion: (Buckarma, Westphal) to accept proposal from Scott Construction for \$174,899.00 to chipseal Kelly Rd (F to East Fondy Rd); Kelly Rd (B to Church Rd); Kenyon Rd (D to River Rd); Church Rd (Hickory Rd to 175); West Byron Rd (175 to Hickory Rd). Motion Carried**
- **Update on Roads:** Tree Trimming is done. Cold mix wedging will be completed on Lost Arrow between Kelly Rd and 175. The ½ mile on Martin road. Crack Filling will be done on Kenyon rd, Church rd, Hickory rd, Kelly rd from B and Kelly from F to Town line.
- **Small Structure grant update:** The board decided not to use Jewell Engineering or apply for the small structure grant. The estimate came back too high and there were too many requirements through the grant that made it more expensive than just buying the culverts from the county. The Hickory rd estimate came back at \$322,000 from Jewell Engineering in contrast to \$20,000

through the county. **Motion (Buckarma, Hackbarth) to longer move forward with the grant proposal from Jewell Engineering. Motion Carried.**

- **Update on Schaefer Nuisance:** The town attorney has filed the paperwork in the court system.
- **N3104 State Road 175:** An application for kennels that requires inspections was created by the Town. Dustin and Tim inspected the building and said that all the dogs needs were met.

New Business

- A) **Treasurer's Report:** The Checkbook balance is \$461,473.04. Four CD's are due to mature.
Motion: (Westphal, Hackbarth) to withdraw our current two capital CD's and reinvest into one 15 month CD @ 4.1% as well as withdraw the two assessment CD's and reinvest into one 15 month CD @ 4.1%. Motion Carried.
- B) **Recycling Ordinance:** The DNR required all towns to update their recycling ordinance to change some language. This change was required in order to receive recycling grant. **Motion: (Westphal, Hackbarth) to adopt the new recycling ordinance Motion Carried.**
- C) **Brownsville Fire Grant Ordinance:** The Brownsville Fire company got denied for a radio grant. They need a sponsor to cover 20%. **Motion: (Westphal, Buckarma) for Town of Byron to adopt radio grant resolution between Brownsville Fire Company and Town of Byron. Motion Carried.**
- D) **Lost Dogs:** Tim talked to CEO of Humane Society regarding our contract. Dogs can only be taken in from 7:00 am-7:00pm. If a dog is picked up or called in from the Town of Byron when the Humane Society is closed, it cannot be taken in. The Township should update the ordinance.
- E) **Approve WTA posting for Noxious Weeds: Motion: (Hackbarth, Westphal) to approve the WTA posting on behalf of the Town of Byron for Noxious Weeds. Motion Carried.**

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- Annual Meeting: April 21st, 2026 @ 7:00 pm
- Bulky Waste Pickup May 6th
- Next Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 12th 2026 @7:00 p.m.
- Board of Appeals Meeting: May 21st @ 7:00 pm.
- Memorial Day Program: May 25th 8:00-11:00am.

Correspondence:

Motion to adjourn: (Buckarma, Hackbarth) Meeting was adjourned at 7:54p.m.

Katie Trewin/Clerk

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