

MINUTES
Byron Town Hall
Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Town of Byron – Special Hearing & Special Town Meeting on Budget 6:45 pm

Attending: Chairperson Bob Simon, Supervisors Dustin Westphal and Kay Murre, Treasurer Wendy Giese, and Clerk Mary Laudloff

- a) **Call to Order:** Chairman Bob Simon called the meeting to order.
- b) **Confirm Posting:** The meeting was posted on October 20th in the 3 posting places, on the web site and published in the Reporter Oct. 31st and Nov. 7th.
- c) **The Board presented the proposed 2018 budget.**
- d) **Public Comments:** None
- e) **Adopt Levy Limit to be paid in 2018:** The state allowable levy is \$349,391.00. The Town Board feels this amount is adequate and have proposed a budget accordingly. **MOTION: (Marlin Towne, Maureen Betz) to approve the 2018 Municipal Levy Limit of \$349,391.00 to be paid in 2018. Carried. 9 yea, 0 nay. 0 Abstain**
- f) **Motion to Adjourn: (Bob Simon, Ron Wendler) Carried**

Town of Byron – Regular Board Meeting

Chairperson Bob Simon, called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present Agenda: MOTION: (Murre, Westphal) to approve the agenda. Carried

Approve Minutes: MOTION: (Murre, Westphal) to approve the October 10, 2017 minutes as written with corrections to the Annual WTA Convention and Hickory Rd. Work. Carried

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

Building Permits: There five building permits issued this past month: Phil Biffert, Swimming Pool, \$25; Mike Donnelly, Reside House, \$25; Ken Wendorff, Remodel Kitchen, \$25; Joel Weigard, Garage, \$25; Michael Heaney, House and Attached Garage, \$250.

Memorial Committee: No one present from the committee.

Historical Society: Maureen Betz reported on the November 11th open house and calendar sale which was well attended. A short program commemorated the Town of Byron during World War I, with music and a dedication of the Community Exhibit, remembrance of our World War I fallen and a color guard salute by the Oakfield VFW Post and Lomira American Legion. The unveiling of the new Community Exhibit was made possible by the generous support of our Town Board and citizens. A grant as been received as well as a generous memorial for Gloria Kelroy.

Public Comments: None

Unfinished Business:

- a) **Update on Roads:**
 - We ordered the same amount of salt as last year from Fond du Lac County. The cost increased by \$1.62 to \$37.93 per ton. In the future the county will not be crediting any returned salt.
 - Brush cutting will be started shortly.

- County work on Timber Trail and County F & Mill Pond Rd. is on hold until Spring.
 - LRIP monies have been applied for Mill Pond Road Work.
 - New road signs have been replaced with more on order.
- 1) **Lost Arrow Bridge Update, Ditch and Tree Removal:** Work has been completed. Wondra Construction's invoice of \$160,810.00 has been paid in full. Jeff Butzke is doing survey work on the ditch. The trees will be cut down and pushed on Kottke's land, who will cut up the wood.
 - 2) **Maple Ridge Drive Update:** Paving and shoulder work have been completed. Reimbursement of the costs incurred by the Town of \$39,283.79 has been reimbursed by John and Mary Laudolff.
 - 3) **Snow Removal:** Dustin Westphal reported a meeting was held. Ron Wendler, Mike Hefter, John Laudolff, Nick Laudolff and Jim Briskie will be driving this year. With five drivers they will be able to alternate weekends. The pickup with plow will be utilized to clean the cul-de-sacs and the two plow trucks handling the roads.
- b) **Update on Intergovernmental Meeting between City & Towns:** Bob Simon and Tom Kelroy attended the first meeting. This group will be meeting twice a year with the next meeting March 7, 2018.
- c) **Approve & sign Fire Contracts for Lomira, Eden, Brownsville and Oakfield:** Dustiin Westphal reported that the Eden Fire Dept. is considering the addition of two more sections in the township. Brownsville Fire Company agreed to accept four additional sections at no additional charge, therefore eliminating the need for four departments. If Lomira Fire Department's contract is not renewed, they will continue the auto aid as before.
- Motion: (Westphal, Murre) not to renew Lomira Fire Dept. 2018 contract. Carried.**
- Motion: (Westphal, Murre) to postpone renewing Eden Fire Dept. and Brownsville Fire Co. 2018 contracts until December. Carried.**
- Motion: (Murre, Westphal) to approve Oakfield Fire Dept. 2018 contract for \$30,893.40. Carried.**

New Business:

- a) **Treasurer's Report:** Wendy Giese read the Treasurer's Report. The checkbook balance is \$329,553.19.
- 1) **Tax Letter Discussion:** Discussion was made to add information regarding driveway permits, garbage collection and dog license information.
- b) **Fond du Lac Unit Christmas Party:** The annual Christmas Party for Township officials in Fond du Lac will be held Dec. 7st at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fond du Lac. Attendees are responsible for cost of dinner.
- c) **Town of Byron Christmas Party:** The annual Town Christmas Party will be held in January 10th at Anita's Log Cabin. **Motion: (Westphal, Murre) to charge \$12.50 per person with the town picking up the balance of the costs. Carried.**
- d) **Approval of New Election Inspectors for 2018-2019 Term: Motion (Simon, Westphal) to approve Sally Boelk, Marianne Geiger, Kay Murre, Elaine Scwefel, Jackie Hansen, Karen Martin, Nancy Hammock, Sheila Flucke and Ann May as Election Inspectors for the 2018-2019 Term. Carried.**

Correspondence:

- Forward Energy Center-Planned & Pending Sale in Town of Byron of wind turbines to WPS, WPL and MGE

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- Plan Commission Rezoning hearing-Rademann Stone, 6:30 PM Monday, November 27, 2017
- Next Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 7:00 p.m.

Motion: (Simon, Murre) to adjourn. Carried 8:05 PM

Mary Laudolff, Clerk

ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY OF THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEMS