

MINUTES
Byron Town Hall
Tuesday, November 12, 2019

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

Attending: Acting Chairperson Dustin Westphal, Supervisor Kay Murre, Treasurer Wendy Giese, Clerk Mary Laudolff, John Laudolff and Randy Faber

- a) **Call to Order:** Acting Chairman Dustin Westphal called the meeting to order.
- b) **Confirm Posting:** The meeting was posted on November 7th in the 3 posting places, on the web site and published in the Reporter Oct. 29th and Nov. 5th.
- c) **The Board presented the proposed 2020 budget.**
- d) **Public Comments:** None
- e) **Adopt Levy Limit to be paid in 2020:** The state allowable levy is \$357,585.00 The Town Board feels this amount is adequate and have proposed a budget accordingly. **MOTION: (John Laudolff, Randy Faber) to approve the 2020 Municipal Levy Limit of \$357,585.00 to be paid in 2020. Carried. 6 yea, 0 nay. 0 Abstain**
- f) **Motion to Adjourn: (Randy Faber, John Laudolff) Carried.**

Town of Byron – Regular Board Meeting

Acting Chairperson Dustin Westphal, called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Approve Minutes: MOTION: (Murre, Westphal) to approve the October 8, 2019 minutes as written.. Carried.

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

Building Permits: Randy Faber reported there were five building permits issued in October: Mike Kindler, new horse shelter, \$25; Royal Smit, new house, \$1485; US Cellular/Wireless Planning, tower upgrade, \$100; Foremost Lawn Service, roof mount solar system, \$75; Mike Roberts/Melissa Schraufnagel, driveway permit, \$25.

Memorial Committee: Tom Kelroy reported the last meeting was held in October 16th. The checkbook balance is \$5,171.00. The Veterans Memorial Committee along with the Historical Society presented a Veteran's Day program on November 9th with the Oakfield VFW Post and Lomira American Legion presenting the colors.

Historical Society: November 9th open house and calendar sale which was well attended. A short program highlighting the calendar's theme of farm memories along with an updated Community Exhibit. A color guard salute was presented by the Oakfield VFW Post and Lomira American Legion. There will be an open house and work day on Saturday November 16th and meeting on November 18th. Wayne King will be the featured speaker. For more details, please refer to the Historical Society's Minutes on the Town's Website: www.townofbyron.com

Public Comments: None

Unfinished Business:

- a) **Update on Roads:**
 - Shoulder work has been suspended due to the weather conditions.
 - Snow plows are out and in good working condition
 - S. Barton Road and Church Road culverts are installed.
 - Tires, a mattress and a large TV have been discarded in the town road ditches.
- b) **Discussion of New Plow Driver Hires:** We are always looking for plow drivers. We have Ron Wendler and John Laudolff as plow drivers during the week. Mike Hefter and Nick Laudolff are subs that are available also. Ron has requested that he not be available on weekends. Last year we had a couple of bad storms on the weekend when Ron Wendler was not available as well as John and Nick Laudolff. Mike Hefter was the only one available. Joe Preston stepped in to help out. Joe is an employee of Nick Laudolff, has a CDL and good driving record, he resides in the Village of Eden and is interested in plowing snow. There is nothing stated in the Town's Ordinances, that a non-resident of the town is not eligible to work for the town. We have an application from Joe Preston and would like to formally hire him to become a substitute driver on the weekends if needed. **Motion: (Westphal, Murre) to approve the employment of Lawrence (Joe) Preston as a part-time snow plow driver. Carried.**

- c) **Board Approval of Truck Purchase:** A committee consisting of Dustin Westphal, John Laudloff and Ron Wendler, has researched and obtained several quotes on the purchase of a new snow plow truck. The tandem axel truck chassis and stainless steel dump box, plow blade, etc. will be approximately \$190,900. The committee will look into a warranty for this purchase. We have the monies to pay for the truck as we have been setting aside money every year for such a purchase. No additional taxes will be levied for this purchase. The town will be selling the replaced Sterling plow truck on a Municipal Auction Web Site. The committee suggested approving the purchase to begin building this truck to be available next Spring. **Motion: (Westphal, Murre) to approve the purchase of the new chassis from Western Star and the box, plow, etc from Monroe Truck Equipment for a total of \$190,900. Carried.**
- d) **WisDOT Road Funding/Estimates:** The State has set aside monies for road funding. They would pay a maximum of 90% and the Town would pay 10%. The Town will apply for this money with the intent to help pay for River Road repairs.
- e) **Board Approval of DOT Disaster Damage Aids Petition:** Bob Simon has completed the Disaster Damage Aids Petition. He will need Board Approval to submit the Petition to the DOT: **Motion: (Murre, Westphal) to approve the DOT Disaster Damage Aids Petition. Carried.**

New Business:

- a) **Treasurer's Report:** Wendy Giese read the Treasurer's Report. The checkbook balance is \$421,180.72.
 - 1) **Update on Tax Collectors Bond:** Last month the Board approved the Tax Collection Ordinance. Wendy suggested that the town take out a bond for the minimum amount of \$250,000 per State Stats for six months in addition to this Ordinance. **Motion: (Murre, Dustin) to approve the purchase of a treasurer's bond for the amount of \$250,000. Carried.**
 - 2) **Review Tax Collection Letter:** The Board reviewed the Tax Collection Letter drafted by Treasurer Wendy Giese.
- b) **Larry Merrill Rezoning/N4866 County V:** Mr. Merrill requested the Town Board's approval to change 5.09 acres at N4866 from Farmland Preservation to General Ag. The Board recommended that he make an application to the Plan Commission for approval on this.
- c) **Action to Approve 2020 Budget:** **Motion: (Murre, Westphal) to Approve 2020 Budget as previously approved by the attending electors. Carried.**
- d) **Board Approval of Contribution to Oakfield Fire Department Dry Hydrant:** The Oakfield Fire Department will be installing a dry hydrant at the corner of Lost Arrow and Hickory Roads. Dustin Westphal suggested the Town contribute to the cost of said hydrant because of the availability to our town residents in the amount of \$1,500. **Motion: (Westphal, Murre) to approve the \$1,500 contribution to the Oakfield Fire Department for the dry hydrant: Carried.**
- e) **Report on WTA Convention held October 13-15, 2019:** The Convention was attended by Kay Murre and Mary Laudloff. Topics covered were recycling, grant programs and election training.
- f) **Report on DNR Electronics Collector, Storm Debris & Responsible Unit Workshop:** Kay Murre attended this workshop which was very informative.
- g) **Report on Senior Officials Workshop for All-Hazards Preparedness:** Bob Simon and Kay Murre attended this workshop.
- h) **Board Approval of Election Inspectors for 2020-2021 Term:** This approval will be tabled until the December meeting.
- i) **Fond du Lac Unit Christmas Party:** The annual Christmas Party for Township officials in Fond du Lac will be held December 5th at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Fond du Lac. Attendees are responsible for cost of dinner.
- j) **Schedule Town of Byron Christmas Party:** The annual Town Christmas Party will be held on January 8th at Anita's Log Cabin. **Motion: (Murre, Westphal) to charge \$12.50 per person with the town picking up the balance of the costs. Carried.**

Correspondence:

- Hwy 175 Road Project

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- Fond du Lac Co. Unit Christmas Party, December 5, 2019 at Knights of Columbus
- Next Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
- Town of Byron Christmas Party, January 8, 2020.

Motion: (Murre, Westphal) to adjourn. Carried 7:40 p.m.

Mary Laudloff, Clerk

ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY OF THE ABOVE AGENDA ITEMS

2020 Town of Byron Budget

Revenues

General Property Taxes	\$357,585.00
Intergovernmental Revenues	219,692.30
Licenses and Permits	8,050.00
Public Charges for Services	114,250.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	37,500.00
Total Revenues	<u>\$737,077.30</u>

Expenditures

General Government	\$156,275.00
Public Safety & Human Services	166,041.01
Public Works	397,161.29
Public Health	2,600.00
Capital Improvements	15,000.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$737,077.30</u>

Resolution #1901

Whereas, s. 60.10 (1) (a) of Wis. Statutes authorizes the town electors of a town to adopt the town tax levy at a town meeting of the electors;

Whereas, a special town meeting of the electors has been called for this 12th day of November, 2019;

Now, therefore, the special town meeting of the Town of Byron, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin, by a majority vote of the eligible electors voting on this 12th day of November, 2019 duly assembled and voting resolves and orders as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, the town electors of the Town of Byron, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin hereby adopt the town tax levy for 2019 to be collected in 2020 at \$357,585.00

The town clerk shall properly post this resolution in 3 places as required by law under s. 60.80 of Wis. Statutes within 30 days of adoption.

Adopted this 12th day of November, 2019, at a Special Town Meeting.

Number of town electors voting aye 6

Number of town electors voting nay 0

Number abstaining of not voting (if determined) 0

Signature of Town Meeting Chairperson

Dwight Weiffel / Acting Chairman

Signature of Town Clerk

Mary Lindsey