

MINUTES

**Byron Town Hall
October 14th, 2025 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: Dustin motioned to move Board Discussion of 2026 Fire Contracts after Public Comments. Other than that the agenda was adopted as presented. **Motion: (Westphal, Buckarma)**
Motion Carried.

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

Permits Issued: Randy Faber reported 16 permits were issued in September. Vincent Schultz, ROW new gas service \$50.00; Brian Haack, 15'x19' Addition \$260.00; Richard Essman, remodel kitchen & bathroom \$150.00; Matt Baumhardt, \$305.00; Mark Thrall, upgrade Electric Panel \$115.00; Sarah Laning, new roof \$115.00; Neil Thompson, ROW electric service \$50.00; Dale Brath, New roof \$25.00; Parsons Creek Farms, Outbuilding 30'x50' \$25.00; Stephen Strong, ROW new electric service \$50.00; Rudy Dubnicka, new windows \$51.00; Jessica Szymonski, new roof & windows \$60.00; Curt Kindschuh, new roof/gutters/siding/windows \$200.00; Greg Wilkum, replace windows \$25.00; FDL Natural Stone(Geelan Property) Raze home \$25.00; Alan Schwartz, upgrade furnace \$25.00.

Memorial Committee Report: No members present and no report.

Historical Society Report: Byron Historical Society Open House - Saturday October 18th from 9:00 am-Noon. Walk-ins welcome. Calendars are available for purchase. Owen Stoppeworth will present 3rd annual Antiques Appraisal on October 20th at the town hall @ 7:00 pm. **November 8th: Open House Calendar Sale and Veterans Remembrance.** The event will run from 10 am to 2 pm with Veterans program at 11 am. Ed Kelroy Memorial Essay contest with a chance to win a \$100 scholarship award is open with the deadline October 31. The winner will be announced after the Veterans Remembrance ceremony.

Public Comments: Bob Simon shared that he was just at a Fond du Lac county supervisor meeting and the county will have to build a new jail. Proposed locations were by the FDL county highway building on Hickory or in the parking lot to the south of the current jail. There will be 3 meetings on October 28th regarding this issue. 3:00 pm with Highway, Airport & Facilities Committee. 4:45 PM with Public Safety Committee. 6:00 PM with the County Board. All meetings are open to the public and will take place at the City-County Government Building 160 S Macy Street, Room H Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54935. See Link: [Meetings Calendar](#).

Board Discussion on 2026 Fire Contracts for:

- **Eden Fire Department:** We received an estimate of costs for the coming year with this year's at \$16,936.62. The Town paid \$16,146.68 in 2025.

- **Brownsville Fire Company:** The 2026 contract includes an increase of \$500 for a total of \$27,000.00. **Motion: (Hackbarth, Buckarma)** to accept this contract for services in 2026. **Motion Carried.**
- **Oakfield Fire Department:** the 2026 contract: \$30,893.40. The price has been the same for eight years. Chief Kevin Baker was present at meeting and stated their costs are increasing so they could see an increase in the future. **Motion: (Westphal, Buckarma)** to accept contract for services in 2026. **Motion Carried**

Unfinished Business

- Update on roads:** all roadwork is done. Ron will start cutting ditches now that fields are cleared.
- Status of computer/tech changes:** transfer process is underway and should be close to completed by the end of the month.

New Business

- Treasurer's Report:** Kay reported that the checkbook balance was \$37,830.49
- Fond du Lac Humane Society:** a new policy could impact the town. There is a possibility that if someone were arrested while in the town and had an animal in the car, the town would be responsible for the welfare of that animal. Extra charges could apply to the town. Tim is in contact with someone from the Humane Society.
- Board Approval of Bartender License for Michelle Huhn.** **Motion: (Westphal, Buckarma)** to approve the bartender license for Michelle Huhn. **Motion Carried.**
- Borree Appraisal:** Borree offered a 5 year contract with a sum of \$11,500 for the year of 2026. As well as a sum of \$47,500 For an Exterior Revaluation in the year of 2026. Borree offered a sum of \$13,000 for each following years: 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030. **Motion: (Westphal, Hackbarth)** to approve the contract from Borree Appraisal for the next five years. **Motion Carried.**
- WTA Fall Workshop:** Katie and Kay attended recent workshops and trainings that were beneficial put on by the Wisconsin Towns Association.
- Schedule Board Budget Meeting:** The board scheduled the budget planning meeting for October 28th @ 6:00 pm at the town hall.

Correspondence: Dustin reported that we passed fire inspection. Katie shared a phone call about a resident inquiring about going past the 10 pm curfew for a band performing at a party. Katie told them to stick to the curfew time and to notify their neighbors about the expected loud noise. Tophats Motorcycle Corporation is planning to now lease out their property at W7094 County Road B and will no longer be using it as a clubhouse.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- **Board Budget Meeting:** October 28th @ 6:00 pm
- **County Meetings regarding new jail to be built in Fond Du Lac:** October 28th @ 3:00 pm, 4:45 pm, and 6:00 pm at the City-County Government Building 160 S Macy Street, Room H Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54935
- **Next Town Board Meeting:** Tuesday, November 11th 2025

Katie Trewin/Clerk

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