

TOWN OF BYRON BOARD MEETING
March 27, 2024

The Byron Town Board Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Candace Hensel at the Byron Town Hall at 7:02pm with the following people present:

Supervisor Candace Hensel
Councilmen Martin Dilcher
Councilmen Fred Klycek
Councilmen Jeff Thompson
Councilmen Nathan Knickerbocker

Highway Superintendent David Leaton
Town Clerk Kristy Murphy

Invited Guests MRB Group Matt Horn
Scott Mattison
Laurie Fox

Public:
Jim Lamkin Bill Stevens Vic DiGregorio Darla Barnum Ted Darocha
Josh Kent Rob Palmer Jim Mouio Liza Smith Don Yaxley
Jan Kent Terry Maid Shawn Schegg Robert Wiley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Supervisor Hensel

MINUTES

A MOTION was made by Councilman Knickerbocker to approve the minutes from February 14, 2024 Councilman Dilcher seconds the motion and carried the following

Vote:

VOTE: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

A MOTION was made by Councilman Knickerbocker to approve the minutes from March 13, 2024 Councilman Klycek seconds the motion and carried the following vote:

VOTE: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

WATER IMPROVEMENT BENEFIT AREA #1

Scott Mattison spoke about progress. Contract A is currently finishing up Merrill Road. They will be finishing up East Bird Road and North Byron Road in concern to installation. Contract B is 99% of the water main is in. The connection needs to be made at Route 33 to the town of

Bergen. Disinfection taking place now. Supervisor Hensel states as of April 2nd the BAN for the project needs to be renewed to continue on with financing.

GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

See Presentation attached

WATER DISTRICT #7

New parcel additions to the district were discussed. A letter from Louise Passarell, town assessor was reviewed. In 2017 there were four residents that received water that the debt service charges were never applied to their taxes. No answer as to why that was not done. Researching now to find out what happened and how to correct to move forward.

TOWN JUSTICE APPOINTMENT

RESOLUTION #37

Supervisor Hensel explains Justice Mattice will remain appointed until December 31, 2024 as Town Justice.

A MOTION was made by Councilman Dilcher to appoint Edward Schenck as Town Justice. Councilman Klycek seconds the motion and carried the following vote:

VOTE: AYES: 4 NAYS: 1

Mr. Schenck will be appointed until December 31, 2024. He will be on the ballot for the upcoming November election.

ABSTRACTS

RESOLUTION # 38

Councilman Knickerbocker offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption: **Resolved**, that the Byron Town Board pay the following abstracts:

| Fund | Abstract | Vouchers | Amount |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| General Fund | #3.5 | #55 - #69 | \$9,686.90 |

Councilman Thompson seconded the resolution and adopted by the following Vote:

VOTE: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Councilman Knickerbocker offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption: **Resolved**, that the Byron Town Board pay the following abstracts:

| Fund | Abstract | Vouchers | Amount |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Water Fund | #3.5 | #4 | \$370.25 |
| Sewer Fund | #3.5 | #15 - #19 | \$3615.48 |

Councilman Knickerbocker seconded the resolution and adopted by the following Vote:

VOTE: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT- DAVID LEATON

-The dock needs to be fixed at Trestle Park. Superintendent Leaton estimates a cost of \$2,000.00.

A MOTION was made by Councilman Kylcek to fix the dock at Trestle Park. Councilman Knickerbocker seconds the motion and carried the following vote:

VOTE: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

A MOTION was made by Councilman Thompson to accept the highway report. Councilman Klycek seconds the motion and carried the following vote:

VOTE: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

TOWN CLERK REPORT- KRISTY MURPHY

-Paid \$34.00 to Ag & Market for the spay & neuter program

A MOTION was made by Councilman Knickerbocker to accept the town clerk report. Councilman Thompson seconds the motion and carried the following Vote:

VOTE: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

SUPERVISOR REPORT- CANDACE HENSEL

-Financial Report tabled for review. Will discuss next meeting

-Busy at the Town Hall

-Working on the grant project, sewer project

A MOTION was made by Councilman Dilcher to accept the supervisor report. Councilman Klycek seconds the motion and carried the following Vote:

VOTE: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE- DON YAXLEY

-A hotspot has been installed for wi-fi in the museum at the cost of \$100.00 a year which has been paid

-Semi-Annual Dinner will take place May 16, 2024 at 6:00pm. To be held at the Presbyterian Church. Guest speaker will be Dr Richard Love. Price is \$18.00 a person, Jan Kent will be taking reservations. There will be a basket raffle online as well

-The museum address and photo was listed on google maps in February. Now location comes up on all maps.

-Contractors are looking to provide quotes on heating/cooling for the building. Mr Yaxley is asking the board to review the quotes carefully before responding.

A MOTION was made by Councilman Thompson to accept the historical committee report. Councilman Knickerbocker seconds the motion and carried the following vote:

VOTE: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

PARKS COMMITTEE DON YAXLEY

-George Squires is planning on restocking the fish in Trestle Park in May

-In need of new members

-Next meeting will be April 4, 2024 at 7:00pm via zoom then May 2, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Community Park

- An ad will need to be placed in the Batavia Daily in regards to the gate keeper position
- Five letters will need to be sent out to local contractors for portable toilets
- Citizens in the community cleaned up Community Park a couple weeks ago. Possibly looking to clean up Trestle Park next and a few more town parks.

A MOTION was made by Councilman Dilcher to accept the parks committee report.
Councilman Knickerbocker seconds the motion and carried the following vote:

VOTE: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

FIRE/EMS REPORT

-Councilman Dilcher and Councilman Knickerbocker discuss the March 18th meeting with each fire department. Nice to see the two departments working great together.

-In need of new members

-Funding is limited

A MOTION was made by Councilman Knickerbocker to accept the fire/ems report.
Councilman Thompson seconds the motion and carried the following vote:

VOTE: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

CEO/ZEO REPORT

- no report

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

-Councilman Knickerbocker states he will bring zoning law revisions to the next meeting.

Looking at the possibilities of new grants it is important that the laws are up to date

A MOTION was made by Councilman Thompson to accept the planning board report.
Councilman Dilcher seconds the motion and carried the following vote:

VOTE: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

-A member of the committee was speaking with Mike Burns from Genesee County IT Department. Committee member asked to review the quote from Millenium Computers. Genesee County agreed to review that quote as well as give some guidance to possible funding available to us. The possibility is there to get state rates on equipment and software costs.

A MOTION was made by Supervisor Hensel to share the Millenium quote with the Genesee County Councilman Knickerbocker seconds the motion and carried the following Vote:

VOTE: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

-Usage of clerks software system was discussed along with other options for newer website platforms

-Town of Pembroke as well as Town of Darien has recently updated their small town infrastructure. It was mentioned that it would be worth a ride out to their office to see what technology they use. Darien also used Genesee County to help with the assessment of their new technology

A MOTION was made by Councilman Knickerbocker to accept the communications report. Councilman Dilcher seconds the motion and carried the following vote:

VOTE: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

CLEAN ENERGY, CLEAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE- DARLA BARNUM

-Darla wanted to thank Josh Kent for completing a survey for NYSRTA that made the town eligible for a \$10,000.00 grant. The board needs to complete the grant application process. There are 90 days to complete this application

-Josh thanked the Highway Department for giving him the information he needed to complete the grant

A MOTION was made by Councilman Knickerbocker to accept the Clean Energy report. Councilman Dilcher seconds the motion and carried the following vote:

VOTE: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

UNFINISHED TOWN BUSINESS

-Councilman Klycek asked when the fire departments would get paid from the town

NEW TOWN BUSINESS

-Councilman Knickerbocker clarified that he confirmed the old tree stands in Trestle Park are in fact old and not being used.

-Signs have been in fact checked and are in good condition. Police sign is faded and a request will need to be made to have that replaced from the parks committee

PUBLIC COMMENTS

-Person states he heard the funding for video news service is running out? A discussion was had about availability of funds for the video news service. Board does not pay for the service.

-Someone questions any headway on getting onto the facebook page. No headway made at this time

-Status of the Excelsior Project was asked. Status unknown

-Status of Water contract finishing on time and if the contractor is fined who gets that money paid in fines.

ADJOURN

A MOTION was made by Councilman Dilcher to accept to adjourn the Byron Town Board Meeting at 9:08pm Councilman Thompson seconds the motion and carried the following vote:

VOTE: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy Murphy
Byron Town Clerk