#### TOWN OF BYRON SPECIAL MEETING

July 23, 2025

The Byron Town Board Special Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Candace Hensel at the Byron Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. with the following people present:

Supervisor	Candace Hensel
Councilman	Jeff Thompson
Councilman	Martin Dilcher
Councilman	Fred Klycek
Councilman	Brandon Mason
Highway Superintendent	David Leaton
Town Clerk	
Invited Guests	Mike Dunn, NY Woodlands
	Consulting
	Shawn Grasby, CEO, Town of
	Geneseo

<u>PUBLIC:</u> Laura Platt Barbie Starowitz Jim Lamkin Steve Hohn Pete Yasses Yvonne Loewke Camryn Brookhart Teresa Pfendler Nicole Kulzer Brad Liles Twilly Lynch Jane Maskell Jack Reddick Nancy Reddick Jason Sando Garrett Sando

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Supervisor Hensel.

#### FAIR HOUSING OFFICER RESOLUTION #25-59

Councilman Klycek offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, all persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Byron (Town) will implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, and use of service or support animals; and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined the need for a Fair Housing Officer to represent the Town

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town declares the Town Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer as the Fair Housing Officer for the Town to be the primary point of contact for all Fair Housing issues.

Councilman Dilcher seconded the resolution which was adopted by the following polled vote:

Councilman Thompson-Aye Councilman Dilcher-Aye Supervisor Hensel-Aye Councilman Klycek-Aye Councilman Mason-Aye

Vote:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

## **ADJOURN:**

A MOTION was made by Councilman Dilcher to adjourn the Byron Town Board meeting at 6:51pm. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion which was carried by the following vote:

Vote: Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy Murphy, Town Clerk

# PRESENTATION BY NYSRDA (NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND **DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION).**

The discussion will include NY RAPID act, Public Service Law VIII, Major renewable energy projects (25mw or larger), major transmission projects. Possibilities of siting of additional projects in Byron based on land along the transmission lines passing through.

SEE PRESENTATION ATTACHMENT



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# The Town of Byron

The Town of Byron receives electrical service from National Grid, with one substation—Byron Station—serving the area. The local electrical infrastructure suitable for renewable energy projects includes 23.8 miles of three-phase electric lines, 5.2 miles of subtransmission lines, and 5.4 miles of high voltage 345KV lines.

A map is provided to illustrate the location of the substation (centrally located in town), as well as the layout of the electrical lines: three-phase electric lines (light blue), subtransmission lines (maroon), and high voltage lines (dark blue).

## **Community Scale Projects:**

There are two community-scale projects listed on the National Grid Interconnection Queue, with capacities of 2.4MW and 5MW, both of which remain incomplete. Although I was informed of a completed 5MW installation within the town, I was unable to locate it in either the National Grid queue or the NYSERDA Distributed Energy Resource site. It is possible this project has been finished but is awaiting a Certificate of Completion (COC) or interconnection to the grid.

#### **Utility Scale:**

The 280MW Excelsior Energy solar project is currently under development. This project appears on the map, with involved parcels outlined in red and recently added parcels shown in dark green. Additionally, there is another utility-scale project in the NYISO Cluster Project Queue: The Brusselville Solar Energy Center, comprising a 170MW solar component and an 80MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). This initiative is in its initial phases, and it should be noted that not all proposed projects reach completion; many are withdrawn due to interconnection challenges or other factors.

At present, no utility-scale BESS projects have been proposed for this locality. The draft BESS and Solar Code are comprehensive and align well with the Town of Byron's Comprehensive Plan.

Please feel free to contact me if you require further information or wish to discuss these topics in greater detail.

Regards, Mike

# Town of Byron

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# Zoning Districts and 3 Phase Electric Service

