

**TOWN OF BYRON TOWN BOARD MEETING**

January 14, 2026

The Byron Town Board Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Jeff Thompson at the Byron Town Hall at 7:00p.m.with the following people present:

Supervisor.....	Jeff Thompson
Councilman.....	Martin Dilcher
Councilman .....	Fred Klycek
Councilman .....	Brandon Mason
Councilman .....	Steve Hohn
Highway Superintendent.....	David Leaton
Town Clerk.....	Kristy Murphy
Town Attorney .....	John Sansone

**PUBLIC:** Dean Ivison    Lori Ivison    Jim Lamkin    Ron Thompson    Cheryl Thompson  
Rob Palmer    Pete Yasses    Roger Rouse

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilman Thompson

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A **MOTION** was made by Councilman Hohn to approve the minutes from December 10, 2025, December 29, 2025 and January 5, 2026.

Councilman Klycek seconds the motion and carried the following polled vote:

Supervisor Thompson-	Aye
Councilman Dilcher-	Aye
Councilman Klycek	Aye
Councilman Mason-	Aye
Councilman Hohn-	Aye
Vote: Ayes: 5    Nays: 0	

**ABSTRACTS/VOUCHERS RESOLUTION #26-31**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Byron Town Board pay the following abstracts:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Abstract</b>	<b>Vouchers</b>	<b>Amount</b>
General Fund	#1	#1 - #26	\$81,598.44

Highway Fund	#1	#1 - #5	\$4,320.31
Sewer Fund	#1	#1 - #4	\$3,738.54
Water Improvement Benefit #1	#1	#1 -	\$216.28
Sewer Capital Fund	#1	#1 - #2	\$1,081.57

Councilman Klycek seconded the amended abstracts and vouchers resolution which was adopted by the following polled vote:

Supervisor Thompson- Aye  
 Councilman Dilcher- Aye  
 Councilman Klycek Aye  
 Councilman Mason- Aye  
 Councilman Hohn- Aye  
 Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**WIBA#1 LANDS & ROW RESOLUTIONS #26-32:**

Councilman Mason offered the following resolution and adoption:

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Byron Town Board (hereinafter referred to as Town Board) has installed water main for the Water Improvement Area No. 1; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town received funding from the USDA in the form of grant and loan. The USDA has issued a Letter of Conditions for the Town of Byron; and

**WHEREAS**, the project is nearing completion and budget adjustments are needed as follows:

- Lands and ROW – A6 current budget is \$8,500.00 and the actual expenses were \$0.00

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board accepts and approves the budget changes as follows:

- Land and ROW – A6 move \$8,500 to project contingency

Councilman Hohn seconded the resolution an adopted by the following polled vote:

Councilman Klycek- Aye  
 Supervisor Thompson- Aye  
 Councilman Dilcher- Aye  
 Councilman Mason- Aye  
 Councilman Hohn- Aye  
 Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR SHORT TERM RENTAL:**

A **MOTION** was made by Councilman Hohn to schedule the public hearing for short term rentals on February 11, 2025 at 6:30pm.

Councilman Klycek seconds the motion and carried the following vote:

Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

**UPDATE CODE/ZONING ENFORCEMENT:**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Byron town board hereby appoints Gerry Wood as interim Code/Zoning Officer for the town of Byron until such time as a permanent Code/Zoning Officer is appointed by the town board, or until December 31, 2026 or at the discretion of the Byron town board.

Councilman Dilcher seconded the resolution and adopted by the following polled vote:

Councilman Klycek-	Aye
Supervisor Thompson-	Aye
Councilman Dilcher-	Aye
Councilman Mason-	Aye
Councilman Hohn-	Aye
Vote: Ayes: 5	Nays: 0

**BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE:**

- Discussion had regarding letters received by residents regarding battery energy storage parcels of land.
- Councilman Hohn states that the planning board needs to put those solar zoning laws at a priority

**2026 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS TOWN OF BYRON:**

**AUDIT:**

Town Clerk Kristy Murphy  
Councilman Klycek  
Supervisor Thompson

**BANKING:**

Town Clerk Kristy Murphy  
Councilman Mason  
Supervisor Thompson

**DISASTER PREPAREDNESS:**

Town Clerk Kristy Murphy  
Councilman Dilcher  
Supervisor Thompson  
Byron Fire Chief Dwane Weatherell  
South Byron Fire Chief Brian Hickey  
Byron Rescue Squad Captain Brad Nickerson

**EQUIPMENT:**

Highway Superintendent David Leaton  
Town Clerk Kristy Murphy  
Supervisor Thompson

Councilman Dilcher

**INSURANCE:**

Town Clerk Kristy Murphy  
Councilman Klycek  
Supervisor Thompson

**BUILDING:**

Town Clerk Kristy Murphy  
Highway Superintendent David Leaton  
Supervisor Thompson  
Councilman Dilcher

**MUSEUM:**

Historians Bob and Beth Wilson  
Historical Society President  
Highway Superintendent David Leaton  
Supervisor Thompson

**PARK REPRESENTATIVE:**

Highway Superintendent David Leaton  
Supervisor Thompson  
Councilman Dilcher

**PLANNING BOARD REP:**

Councilman Mason  
Councilman Hohn

**WATER REPRESENTATIVE:**

Councilman Dilcher  
Supervisor Thompson

**SEWER REPRESENTATIVE:**

Councilman Dilcher  
Supervisor Thompson

**PUBLIC EMPLOYER HEP (Required by NYS):**

Town Clerk Kristy Murphy  
Highway Superintendent David Leaton  
Supervisor Thompson  
Town Attorney John Sansone

**SOLAR:**

Councilman Mason  
Supervisor Thompson

Town Attorney John Sansone  
Solar Attorney Ben Wisniewski  
Councilman Hohn  
Councilman Dilcher  
Councilman Klycek

**FIRE/EMS MERGE:**

Supervisor Thompson  
Councilman Hohn

**FIRE/EMS BUDGET:**

Councilman Mason  
Councilman Dilcher

A MOTION was made by Councilman Mason to accept the committees as stated.  
Councilman Dilcher seconds the motion and carried the following polled vote:

Supervisor Thompson-	Aye
Councilman Dilcher-	Aye
Councilman Mason-	Aye
Councilman Hohn-	Aye
Councilman Klycek-	Aye
Vote: Ayes: 5	Nays: -0

**REPORTS:**

**Highway Superintendent Report- David Leaton:**

-No Report

**Town Clerk Report-Kristy Murphy:**

-Town of Byron Supervisor ..... \$ 2,111.75  
-Paid Ag & Market spay & neuter program..... \$ 28.00  
-Tax time is in full swing. The drop box is available 24/7 for payments and my hours are listed on the tax bill for clarification.  
-I have reached out to the company for hometown hero flags on pricing. It seems the 2025 pricing will remain the same. More information to come about ordering deadlines in first part of March.

**Supervisors Report-Jeff Thompson:**

-Financials were reviewed

-Follow up on the old grange building was done. At the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting in the code enforcement officer's report she stated that she contacted the new owner and he stated he was in the process of getting three quotes for asbestos removal. To date we have not heard from the new owner. The property was purchased on October 8<sup>th</sup> and closed on November 6<sup>th</sup>. The description of the sale stated that the "new owner demolish it shortly after taking ownership, if not, the town will pursue demolition themselves" Is the board ok with sending a letter to the new owner of the

grange with what the town of Byron's expectations are in regards to a timeline of removal. Supervisor Thompson requested town attorney send a letter to the new owner of the grange building to outline what the town board would like to see with steps moving forward in regards to demolition. Town attorney discussed options and will move forward with contacting the new owner

-MRB is looking into a couple different grants regarding Municipal Parks & Recreation as well as Playground Equipment.

-MRB is also looking into what it would take to put together a survey of what the residents would like to see accomplished in the town with the solar host money we will be receiving

-Transfer station increases will take effect on Saturday January 17, 2026. The reason for the increase in price was at the end of the year the town found we were at a deficit. The prices have not been raised since 2020 and the price of scrap metal has gone down which helped support the efforts of breaking even in the past. The new price sheets are available at the transfer station, in the town clerk's office and on the town website.

**Historical Society/Museum Don Yaxley:**

- Our first meeting of the year is scheduled for tomorrow night.
- All storm windows have been installed.

**Parks Report Don Yaxley:**

-Budget; The Park Committee will evaluate needs and seek quotations for improvements and recommend expenditures to the Town Board not to exceed \$73,000 for 2026.

-Firemen's Park; We anticipate resurfacing the tennis court for tennis and pickle ball. This is an ongoing 2026 project which will require further investigation and re quoting by various vendors.

-Trestle Park; Brad Nickerson reported that an ash tree has fallen onto one of the trails. Brad will notify Dave Leaton.

-Fish: - Don will investigate with Genesee County Soil & Water to determine parameters for acquiring more fish to stock. (Price, lead-time and species of fish.)

-Tree plantings may commence as early as April, according to Andie Graham at SUNY Brockport.

-We plan on Parks Cleanup for Arbor Day, April 25th, 10AM to 2PM.

-Councilman Mason wants to make sure the record clearly states that the \$73,000.00 was not an open checkbook to spend for the parks. It was a discussion that was had during the budget meeting, and a figure that was placed in the line of the budget. He states before anything is decided a clear and specific plan would need to be seen and discussed before committing to spending any money. Councilman Mason states there are also grants for parks out there that should be looked into first.

**Planning Board/ZBA Report Steve Hohn:**

- Zoning laws are still being worked on
- Blue Wave Solar was discussed and the SEQR was completed

**Sewer Report:**

-A debriefing took place last week with Homes & Community Renewal with regard to why the town was not awarded the CDBG grant. The income survey was given focused on the hamlet, rather than the entire town. The supporting documentation did not make it clear that the town owns all the system and laterals. Homes & Community Renewal stated the project looks good and encouraged the town to reapply with more supporting documentation in the next round of funding.

**New Business:**

-None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Lori Ivison states she would like to thank the highway department for replacing her mailbox
- Dean Ivison asks if there will be an audit on the previous code enforcers records
- Supervisor Thompson states the NYS Comptroller requested records and as far as the town of Byron is concerned we do not believe the was affected

**ADJOURN:**

A **MOTION** was made by Supervisor Thompson to adjourn the Byron Town Board meeting at 7:32pm. Councilman Dilcher seconded the motion which was carried by the following vote:

Vote: Ayes: 5      Nays: 0

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Kristy Murphy, Town Clerk