

TOWN OF BYRON BOARD MEETING

September 25, 2024

The Byron Town Board Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Candace Hensel at the Byron Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. with the following people present:

- Supervisor..... Candace Hensel
- Councilman..... Martin Dilcher
- Councilman..... Fred Klycek
- Councilman..... Jeff Thompson
- Councilman..... Nathan Knickerbocker

- Highway Superintendent..... David Leaton, Jr
- Town Clerk..... Kristy Murphy

- Invited Guests..... BeneCare Insurance Broker
Robert Mertel

Pledge of Allegiance:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Supervisor Hensel

BeneCare Insurance Available Options:

Recommendation was to keep the same medical plan. Other options were discussed regarding how to move forward in regards to the deductible part of the plan. The change in plan would only affect the Highway Superintendent and the Town Clerk at this time because the Highway Workers are in a union contract.

- Option 1 –HSA Plan
- Option 2- HRA Plan

Agenda

- Councilman Thompson suggests the additional items listed on the agenda not be gone over because the special meeting was placed for insurance presentation and preliminary budget only
- Supervisor Hensel requests that the four additional items that she placed on the agenda be tabled until the next meeting for that reason

NYSERDA

-Discussion had regarding what the NYSERDA grant is going to be used for.

Councilman Klycek makes the **motion** to table the contract signing until the energy audit comes back to the town. Councilman Dilcher seconded the motion and carried the following vote:

Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Supervisors Proposed 2025 Town of Byron Tentative Budget:

General Fund Tentative Budget discussion had and the following changes were made:

- A1001 Real Property Tax \$5,000 to \$0.00
- A1110.1C Court Clerk Salary \$16,380.00 to \$21,840.00
- A1110.2 Supervisor Equipment \$500.00 to \$1,000.00

- A1110.4 Court Contractual \$10,500.00 to \$6,000.00
- A1110.4A Court Audit \$0.00 to \$4,500.00
- A1220.1A Deputy Supervisor \$1,200.00 to \$1,000.00
- A1220.1B from Clerk to Supervisor \$5,000.00 to \$0.00
- A1330.1 Tax Collector Salary \$0.00 to \$5367.00
- A1410.1 Town Clerk Salary \$40,000.00 to \$38,000.00
- A1420.4 Legal Services \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00
- A3620.1 CEO/ZEO Salary \$15,077.00 to \$15,600.00
- A5010.1A Highway Superintendent Salary \$72,000.00 to \$74160.00
- A5010.1A Deputy Highway Superintendent \$2,000.00 to \$2100.00
- A5010.1B Superintendent Bookkeeper \$1550.00 to \$1600.00
- A5010.4 Superintendent Contractual \$2,200.00 to \$2300.00
- A7310.1 Byron Recreation Program \$5,000.00 to \$5,500.00
- A9060.8A In Lieu of Hospital Insurance \$0.00 to \$21,000.00
- A9950.9 General Reserve Fund \$30,000.00 to \$0.00

Highway Fund Tentative Budget discussion had and the following changes were made:

- DA9089.8A Clothing Allowance \$6,000.00 to \$7000.00
- DA9950.9 Highway Reserve Fund \$110,000.00 to \$135,000.00

Fire Districts Tentative Budget discussion had and the following changes were made:

- SF1(2)-3410.4 Fire Protection Byron/South Byron \$231,000.00 to \$250,000.00

Sewer Fund Tentative Budget:

- No Changes Made

Councilman Thompson would like to have it noted that he would like to thank Tom Felton for making good investment choices during his term here.

Tentative Budget Approved

Public Comments:

- Marilyn Weinert comments on the in-lieu of benefit stating it's excessive
- Shannon Thompson asks the board if they recall this ever being an issue in the past. It seems that this issue being brought up at every meeting is a personal attack on the new town clerk
- Town Clerk states this benefit has been available for twenty plus years. It is part of the benefits package that comes with the position.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Councilman Dilcher to adjourn the Byron Town Board meeting at 8:51pm. Councilman Thompson seconded the motion which was carried by the following vote:

Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristy Murphy, Town Clerk