

BYRON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

1) OPENING OF MEETING

President Chris Logston called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

2) ROLL CALL

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Matt Kuss, Sandy Beitel, Chris Higgins, Randy Snider, and Chris Logston

TRUSTEES ABSENT

None

OFFICERS PRESENT

Chief Andrew Politsch and D/C Tony Dinges

3) GUESTS PRESENT

Michele Trzcinski-Ramos, Recording Secretary

4) PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 16, 2025 General Meeting Minutes - Trustee Beitel motioned to approve the December 16, 2025 General Meeting Minutes as submitted and studied. Second by Trustee Higgins. Roll Call: Snider – Yes, Higgins – Yes, Beitel – Yes, Kuss - Yes and Logston - Yes. Motion passed.

6) APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT AND BILLS

Trustee Beitel motioned to approve the Financial Report and Bills for December 2025 in the amount of \$581,323.25, as submitted and studied. Second by Trustee Kuss. Roll Call: Beitel – Yes, Kuss – Yes, Snider - Yes, Higgins – Yes, and Logston – Yes. Motion passed.

7) ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – Trustee Kuss motioned to approve the Agenda as printed. Second by Trustee Snider. Roll Call: Snider – Yes, Higgins – Yes, Kuss – Yes, Beitel – Yes, and Logston – Yes. Motion passed.

8) CORRESPONDENCE and ANNOUNCEMENTS – Chief Politsch report there was a great turn out at the Annual Banquet, and everyone had a wonderful time.

9) OLD BUSINESS

A) Review of Ordinances & Resolutions Passed and Approved in January of Previous Years
– None.

10) NEW BUSINESS

A) Chief's Report – Chief reported the new career firefighter started Wednesday, he was previously a part-time employee and is excited to start his career in Byron. Trustee Logston asked for a status on the Lt's Testing. Chief informed the Board he met with Mike Figolah, and the process will begin in June. Additionally, Trustee Logston asked for a status update on the new vehicles and equipment. Chief reported the Rescue Engine should be here any time after July; and eight sets of new gear were ordered and received.

B) Attorney's Report – Attorney Kelli Melin is back at work – she has no report; but offered to attend the meeting via zoom or by phone when she is needed. She also noted she will be at the next Pension Meeting.

C) Discussion and possible action on Ordinance #2026-01 – An Ordinance Permitting Electronic Attendance at Trustee Meetings – In accordance with Public Act 104-0438 persons on the Board who are away for Active Military Status can call in. The Ordinance has been updated to reflect this as exception 5. Trustee Beitel motioned to approve Ordinance #2026-01 – An Ordinance Permitting Electronic Attendance at Trustee Meetings. Second by Trustee Snider. Roll Call: Kuss – Yes, Beitel – Yes, Snider – Yes, Higgins – Yes, and Logston – Yes. Motion passed.

11) EXECUTIVE SESSION – Trustee Logston motioned to go into Closed Session under 2 (c) (2) Collective Negotiating Matters between the Public Body and its Employees or their Representatives, or Deliberations concerning Salary Schedules for one or more Classes of Employees at 6:13 pm. Everyone was excused from the Board Meeting except for the Board and Chief Politsch. Second by Trustee Beitel. Roll Call: Kuss – Yes, Snider – Yes, Beitel – Yes, Higgins – Yes, and Logston – Yes. Motion passed.

12) BUSINESS to DISCUSS after CLOSED SESSION

A) Discussion and possible action on any Closed Session Item – No action taken.

13) ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Kuss motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second by Trustee Snider. Roll Call: Kuss – Yes, Higgins – Yes, Snider – Yes, Beitel – Yes, and Logston – Yes. The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mathew Kuss". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mathew" being more prominent than the last name "Kuss".

*Mathew Kuss
Secretary*