

April 18, 2017 – Annual Town meeting minutes

Town of Brooklyn, Green County WI – Annual Meeting Minutes (not yet approved)

The Annual Meeting was called to order by Chairman Garth Langhammer at 7:30PM on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at the Brooklyn Town Hall, 400 W. Main Street, Brooklyn WI 53521. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town board members were introduced.

Langhammer asked for permission to have brief reports, as in past years, before opening the floor to those present. No one was opposed.

Langhammer asked if there was a preference to hand vote or voice vote for the meeting. All in favor of hand vote.

All attendees were provided a copy of the minutes from April 19, 2016 Annual Town Meeting. Motion by Pete Hardin to accept April 19, 2016 meeting minutes as presented, second by Pat McNeely, hand vote taken 11 yes, 0 no; motion carried.

Langhammer reviewed major accomplishments and changes for 2016.

- Completion of Yarwood Road.
- Installed culverts on Benson Road.
- Seal coated and wedged King, Krause and Sandy Hook Roads.
- The Town took out a loan through the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands at 2.5% for the Town of Brooklyn's share of the Fire District fire tender truck. The District saved \$10,000 by paying for the truck up front.
- The Brooklyn Fire and EMS building loan was refinanced through the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands resulting in a savings to the Town in excess of \$30,000 over the ensuing 18 years.
- 4 Driveway Permits issued in 2016, 9 the previous year.

Langhammer reviewed items for 2017.

- Two new doors were installed on the Salt Shed.
- Benson Road will be reconstructed, including tearing down and replacing the bridge.
- Town Broadband Commissioner appointed.
- Explore building a new salt shed that would allow the Town to utilize a salt/sand mixture (cost savings) and also free up needed storage space in the current salt shed for Town equipment.

The 2016 Budget to Actual Comparative Financial Statement was distributed. Clerk Amy Ross presented an overview of these financials including revenues and expenditures for the year.

Langhammer opened the meeting to the electors who wanted to speak.

Pete Hardin questioned the need for an audit, if there was a plan to have one. Treasurer Russ Cichy answered that an audit firm had been hired several years ago but was unable to complete a financial audit without a complete reconstruction of those financials. The auditors did provide a "Best Practices" report and their recommended procedures were implemented and continue today. Per state statute an audit is not required when the Clerk and Treasurer positions are separate; only if the position is combined. Cichy feels confident that an audit is not necessary at this time due to the continuing separation of duties of the Clerk's and Treasurer's reporting methods.

John Davis asked if the Alliant Energy trucks that have been parked in the Town parking lot got permission to do so. Langhammer will follow up on this issue.

Pete Hardin asked about the Brooklyn Fire/EMS District agreement. Langhammer advised the agreement has been negotiated and approved by all municipalities.

Date set for 2018 Annual Meeting for third Tuesday in April (April 17th) at 7:30PM. Hand vote taken 11 yes, 0 no. No opposition to keeping it the same so no action necessary.

Motion by John Davis to adjourn, second by Pat McNeely; carried on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:56PM.

Amy Ross, Clerk
Town of Brooklyn