

April 16, 2019 – 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 16, 2019 at the Brooklyn Town Hall, 400 W. Main Street, Brooklyn WI 53521. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 any objection to handling the meeting the same way as last year with voice vote. All aye, no nay.

Langhammer introduced the rest of the board; Supervisor 2, Abigail Kriebs, Supervisor 1, Jeffrey McNeely, Clerk Jeannie Welsh and Treasurer, Russell Cichy.

There were 16 attendees, including board members. All attendees were provided a copy of the minutes from April 17, 2018 Annual Town Meeting. Motion by Hans Herweijer to accept April 17, 2018 meeting minutes as presented, second by Glen Clark, voice vote taken all yes, no opposed; motion carried.

Langhammer reviewed major accomplishments in 2018.

- Reconstruction of 2.51 miles of Brooklyn-Albany Road. Two years of reconstruction were able to be done in the same year, saving the town several thousand dollars by doing the entire length in one project. Secured a short-term loan from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL) towards funding the entire project in 2018.
- The Brooklyn-Albany Road culverts were replaced just ahead of the road reconstruction. The timing of the replacement allowed it to be done without paver patching, saving time and money.
- Case IH Tractor had a significant breakdown. Re-evaluating the current tractors and where they will be best utilized. Current lease of the John Deere tractor is working out very well. The Case IH, now fixed is now at the Recycle Center.

Langhammer reviewed goals for 2019.

- Bug Tussel is moving forward with the construction of the wireless internet communication tower.
- Right of Way Ordinance is in process of being developed to protect the town's right of ways.
- Will not be doing any major road construction projects in 2019 due to the work that was done in 2018 but have budgeted for some shouldering, wedging and chip seal work in 2019.

Langhammer reviewed recent developments.

- The Brooklyn Fire and EMS District is budgeting the purchase of a new ladder/engine truck in 2020 or 2021. The town's portion will cost approximately \$300,000 and will need to be addressed in the 2020 Budget meetings as to the best approach to fund this purchase.
- Governor Evers new budget could affect the way the 2020 Budget and levy limits are determined at the Fall budget meetings and Special Meeting of the Electors. This will depend on what happens with the Governor's final state budget but it is something that needs to be communicated to the electors prior to those meetings.
- The town will be appointing a new clerk. This will be an "appointment to an elected" position.

The 2018 Budget to Actual Comparative Financial Statement was reviewed. Langhammer highlighted a few line items that were either above or below budget. Cichy explained the revised 2018 budget item, adopted by Resolution (#07-09-2018), which allowed for the 2.51 miles of construction on Brooklyn-Albany Road as one project for the entire length.

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

Pete Hardin questioned what was the interest rate on the BCPL loan? Cichy explained it was 4.25% with no pre-payment penalty. These funds were borrowed in September 2018, when the Brooklyn-Albany Road construction bill was due and repaid in January 2019 with funds from the current year's levy. Total interest cost was \$2,095.89.

Date for the 2020 Annual Meeting to be the third Tuesday in April (April 21st) the dates set by State statute, at 7:30PM. Show of hands; no opposition to keeping it the same so no action is necessary.

Motion by Pat McNeely to adjourn, second by Gary Splitter; carried on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

Jeannie B. Welsh Clerk
Town of Brooklyn