

April 17, 2018 – 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 17, 2018 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 a preference to hand vote or voice vote for the meeting. All in favor of voice vote.

All attendees were provided a copy of the minutes from April 18, 2017 Annual Town Meeting. Motion by Pat McNeely to accept April 18, 2017 meeting minutes as presented, second by Kevin Santulis, voice vote taken all yes, no opposed; motion carried.

Langhammer reviewed major accomplishments in 2017.

- Reconstruction of Benson Road.
- New roof and paint on the salt shed.
- Seal coating on Sandy Hook, Legler, Glenway, Amidon, Mortensen and Yarwood Roads.

Langhammer reviewed goals for 2018.

- Reconstruction of Brooklyn Albany Road.
- Brooklyn Albany Road culvert replacement.
- Pursue wireless internet improvements for the town.

Langhammer reviewed recent developments.

- The board was not able to accept recent bids for Brooklyn Albany Road due to a publishing error. The project will be re-bid. The town currently has about half of the funding for two sections of Brooklyn Albany Road. By doing both sections in the same year there should be a cost savings. A preliminary application has been submitted to the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL) to obtain a \$150,000 loan to cover the overage to complete the entire road project this year. The Board anticipates paying off this early in 2019 with that year's levy.
- Public Service Commission (PSC) grants approved. John Marx reported Frontier was awarded \$400,000 in federal funds for the 445 exchange, they hope to do the work in 2019 and it is required to be done by 2020. AT&T is offering high speed internet for the 882 exchange. Bug Tussel awarded grant for wireless internet tower, they are moving quickly and will be looking for a place to build a tower soon. There could be some potential revenue for the town in permit fees and property taxes.
- With full town Board support, there will be a referendum question on November's ballot asking voters if they would like to change the town Clerk position from elected to appointed.
- The Recycle Center was in need of a library curator for the Little Free Library and a volunteer, Julie Anderson, stepped up to take on the role.

The 2017 Budget to Actual Comparative Financial Statement was reviewed. Langhammer highlighted a few line items that were either over or under budget.

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

Pete Hardin questioned how the town was doing on salt usage. Cichy explained there has been less snow plow hours but more salt usage due to an icy winter season. Salt usage has been down since using the new truck and metering system.

Hardin asked if the town had any plans to provide water testing for residents due to recent concerns with ground water in surrounding municipalities. Ross said the town did facilitate a water test program through UW Extension this past summer. Residents were advised by town postings on the posting boards, website in addition to its being discussed at regular board meetings. A number of residents did have their water tested. No direct mailing was done since it was not budgeted for.

Date set for 2019 Annual Meeting for third Tuesday in April (April 16th) at 7:30PM. Voice vote all in favor, no opposed; no opposition to keeping it the same so no action is necessary.

Motion by Kevin Santulis to adjourn, second by Hans Herweijer; carried on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:02PM.

Amy Ross, Clerk Town of Brooklyn