

**Town of Brooklyn, Green County – May 13, 2019 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
(Approved by the Town Board)**

The Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 8:00PM on Monday, May 13, 2019 at the Town Hall. In attendance were Chairman Garth Langhammer, Supervisors Jeff McNeely and Abigail Kriebs, Treasurer Russell Cichy and Clerk Jeannie Welsh.

The clerk advised that the required meeting notice posting was completed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was shared.

Public Comment

- Nothing at this time.

Minutes

- Motion by McNeely to approve amended Minutes of 04/03/2019 Special meeting; 04/08/2019 Regular meeting; 04/16/2019 Special meeting and 04/30/2019 Special meeting. Second by Kriebs; motion carried.

Treasurer's report

- Treasurer Cichy reported beginning checking account balance of \$143,752.13 receipts \$42,025.32; disbursements \$53,348.92; ending checking account balance of \$132,428.53. Money Market account balance as of the end of April \$328,235.30. Interest earned for April in the amount of \$798.59.

Clerk's financial report

- Welsh reported both Checking and Money Market bank statements for April 2019 are reconciled and agree with financial reports for that period. Clerk and Treasurer reports agree with April 2019 reconciled accounts. Motion by Kriebs to accept both the Treasurer's financial report and the Clerk's financial report of reconciliation of revenue and expenses as presented, seconded by McNeely; motion carried.
- Reviewed budget to actual.

Authorization to pay bills

- McNeely made a motion to accept bills to be paid in the amount of \$25,680.91. Second by Kriebs; motion carried.

Fire/EMS District –

- Written reports were submitted by various Fire & EMS Services and reviewed independently.
- John Marx reported for Brooklyn Fire and EMS. There will be a May meeting to discuss merging of Fire and EMS. Wisconsin Fire Chiefs Association and State EMS Association are advocating the introduction of legislation enabling communities to form Fire and EMS Districts. At this time there is no such thing as Districts under state law. Currently Brooklyn is a district run as a Co-op. A new statutory entity would give the ability to have limiting tax authority, enforce codes and ordinances. This is still in the early stages and it is possible it won't go anywhere, however Marx wanted to make the board aware that it is out there.

Recycle Committee

- Committee chairman Kevin Santulis reported that the Town has once again been awarded the recycling grant in the amount of \$5,025.39.
- The two additional bins budgeted for will probably not be needed until later in the year, closer to the holidays.
- Pellitteri is adding a temporary recycling surcharge to the monthly bill. The committee will monitor closely to see how it changes from month to month.

Recycling Committee (Continued)

- The status of the backhoe was discussed. Brian Smith has it fixed, there are just a few pieces to put back on. He should have that done by the end of the week. At that point it will be ready to sell. It was suggested when it is ready, it be listed on Wisconsin Surplus to receive maximum value.
- Items addressed on a previous Fire Inspection were revisited. Russ and Kevin went through the building to determine how to go about accomplishing clearing out certain items that were immediate concerns and what would be required to address the long-term problems such as storage of tires and flammables outside the building, placing of electrical outlets and much needed lighting. Several different options were discussed. Options for outdoor storage of tires and flammables will be studied further. Flammables were moved out of the building. Tires will be moved outside and covered with a tarp for now.
- Santulis presented an estimate he had obtained for the electrical work
- Motion by McNeely to approve up to \$2500 for electrical work and lighting. Second by Kriebs; motion carried.

Highway Committee

- Estimates from Green County Highway for various town roads were circulated. To allow time to study the estimates, the clerk was asked to scan and email the estimates to all board members, Treasurer Cichy and Committee Chairman Herweijer. A special meeting will be set in the next week to discuss and act upon this information.

Right of Way Policy

- Discussion regarding and ordinance and permitting of manure piping. No one in the town uses this process at this time. Langhammer suggested this would be the time to put something like this into place. A sample permit was reviewed. Langhammer suggested it be reviewed in greater detail at a Special meeting, set for a later date.

Driveways, Field Roads

- Nothing to report at this time.

Planning Committee

- Planning Committee recommended the board approve one (1) division for Carl and Patty Schultz on Legler Rd.; leaving one (1) additional division remaining.
- Motion by McNeely, per the recommendation of the plan commission, to grant approval for one (1) division to Carl and Patty Schultz on Legler Rd., for 29 (+ or -) acres; leaving one (1) division available and the remainder. Kriebs seconded; motion carried.

Noxious Weed Commissioner

- Motion by McNeely to appoint Fred Miller as Noxious Weed Commissioner for a three (3) year term. Second by Kriebs; motion carried.

New Clerk Bank Account Authorization.

- With the appointment of new town clerk, Chris Gallagher, effective June 1st, new bank authorization forms were circulated and signed.

ETF Health Insurance Resolution

- Wisconsin Employers Trust Fund Health Insurance updated their User's Manual to be more streamline. A resolution has to be adopted to encompass this update under the contract.
- Motion by McNeely to adopt Resolution for the ETF existing employer update of the Wisconsin Employers Group Health Insurance program, reference# ET1169(Rev 3/14/19). Second by Kriebs; motion carried.

Chairman Report

- Langhammer wanted to call attention to discussion that will be necessary, regarding the excess of levy limit options with respect to Governor Evers budget items. These were proposed earlier in the year and have since been struck from the governor's budget.
- Langhammer reminded the board there will be a need to study and discuss some of these levy options leading up to the budget and levy limit meeting voted on by the electors in the Fall of 2019.

Friends of Parks

- The diseased and dead trees have been removed. It was suggested they be replaced with flowering trees to avoid disease left behind by the Ash.
- Cichy informed the board the Boy Scouts will be doing some work at the park on Memorial Day weekend, due to arrangements made by the new flag curator.
- Clerk was asked to notify the Friends of Park committee when the park is rented so they can go ahead of time to check the park.

Informational Items

- New Clerk, Chris Gallagher was introduced and welcomed. Chris will begin, effective June 1st.
- A reminder of the Green County chapter of the WTA was mentioned.

Adjournment

- Motion by McNeely to adjourn, second by Kriebs; motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Jeannie Welsh, Clerk