

**TOWN OF GREEN BAY
BROWN COUNTY, WI
MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015**

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:50 pm

Location: Town Hall

Attendance: Chairman Lee Dechamps, Supervisor Dianne Jacobs, Treasurer, Lori Geniesse, Clerk Debbie Mercier, Constable, Gary Jacobs, Zoning Administrator, Gary Jonet Also present was Planning Commission Secretary Dawn Goodman

Excused Absence: Supervisor Cary Dequaine

The notice was properly posted.

17 residents present

Chairman Dechamps called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Motion made by Supervisor Jacobs to have Chairman Dechamps act as the Chairman for this Annual Meeting. Chairman Dechamps second. Motion Carried.

Review last year's minutes

Clerk read the minutes of April 8, 2014. Motion to approve the minutes made by Dawn Goodman. Second by John Metzler. Voice Vote 17-0 Motion Carried.

Review Financial Statements – Town & Fire Dept.

Review of Fire Dept 2014 Annual Financial Report.

Bob Boncher questioned what the radio maintenance consisted of. Chairman Dechamps stated it is radio maintenance only; does not include updates. Ryan DeBroux stated the old system would not be able to communicate with each other with the requirements of the state, all of the counties updated. He stated the system that Brown County chose works well, the rescue workers are able to communicate with all rescue personnel and the communication is working very well. Chairman questioned if New Franken is able to communicate with Luxemburg, Ryan stated because Kewaunee County had chosen a different system, it currently does not work as well as the communication within Brown County.

Motion made by Dawn Goodman made to accept the 2014 New Franken Fire Department report. Second by John Metzler. Voice Vote 17-0 Motion Carried.

Town of Green Bay 2014 Financial Report

John Metzler questioned the POWTS line item. Board stated it stands for the Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System and is a fee passed on from Brown County to regulate the wastewater treatment system for property owners not located in the public sewer system. Dawn Goodman questioned what the Misc Income was for. Treasurer stated this income was for the sale of some of the old filing cabinets. Dave Mertens questioned what the salary breakdown is for the officials.

Clerk explained the annual compensation is as follows:

Chairman, \$7,500 –Supervisors, \$5,000 – Constable, \$1,875 -Clerk, \$20,000 – Treasurer, 12,500

The appointed on the Planning Commission and Board of Appeals receive per diem rates of \$30/per, with a rate of \$50/per for the Chair, and a rate of \$85/per for the Secretary.

Dave Mertens asked why the Clerk and Treasurer expenses aren't included in the Town Board's wages. The Clerk explained the financial report mirrors the State of WI financial report format with the Clerk and Treasurer reported individually.

Dawn Goodman made a motion to accept the Town of Green Bay 2014 Annual Report with a second by Bob Boncher. Voice Vote 17-0 Motion Carried.

Bridge Fund for 2015 Taxes

Dave Mertens questioned if there are any bridges or large culverts in need of repair at this time. Chairman Dechamps stated there are no bridges or culverts in need of repair at this time. Pete Mathu questioned if there is a limit on the amount you can put in. Chairman stated, they would like a year's notification in advance. Chairman stated we should have approximately \$214,000 by the end of this year. Dave Mertens made a motion that no money is put in the bridge fund this year. Pete Mathu expressed concern of not allocating money when it could be doubled. Motion received a second from Ryan DeBroux. Voice Vote – 17-0 Motion carried.

Compensation of elective town offices under s. 60.32

Dave Mertens stated credit is due to the Clerk who spends many hours at the town hall. The Board commented they are aware of the time and effort the Clerk has given to the town and expressed appreciation. Discussion held regarding history of compensation for the town officials. John Metzler made a motion to increase the salaries across the board 10%. Second by Dawn Goodman. Voice vote 17-0 Increase in compensation to take effect upon the next election, April 2017.

Dave Mertens questioned if there has been follow up on the ditches and the issue with the water on CTH P and Abts Rd. Discussion held. The Dept of Natural Resources had been contacted and had reviewed. Orville Swagel stated that Gravel Pit road should have the shoulders rebuilt. Chairman Dechamps read the road report from Delmore Consulting. Gravel Pit Rd is listed to be repaired. Chairman Dechamps stated the WI DOT did a survey to have a bypass lane on Hwy 54 constructed upon the future repair of the said Hwy. The survey indicated a bypass lane was not justified. Chairman explained there would be an approximate cost of \$10,000 to pave the shoulder and an approximate cost of \$40,000 for a bypass lane. Chairman further stated we have a Road maintenance agreement with the Brown County to complete \$75,000 worth of road work annually. It was stated, Brown Cty will be completing Crow Road this year. Discussion held regarding the repair of Hwy 54. Chairman questioned the electors what the suggestion would be for Hwy 54 in front of Warehouse Drive. Ryan DeBroux stated the edge drops off in that area of the road. Chairman stated the State is going to enhance the edge. John Metzler commented at one time the DOT indicated that a reduced speed limit may cause accidents; he questioned if this could be a possible liability to the state. Further discussion held. Jason Miller asked if the town could request a 45 mph speed limit with a double line for no passing. John Metzler made an advisory motion to request to the DOT to set the speed limit to 45 mph and to have a no passing double line and a paved shoulder. Second by Dawn Goodman. Voice vote 17-0 Motion Carried. Dawn Goodman is requesting a projector for the meetings. Motion made by Bob Boncher that the town purchase a projector. Second by Pete Mathu 17-0 Voice Vote Motion Carried.

Any other business presented by the Electors

Ray Terrien was present to explain to the electors that he has been in business for 30 years and has always cooperated with the town. He recently had a neighbor, near the business who has complained about garbage and debris on their lawn. Ray commented there are 3 taverns, a boat landing, and the convenience store all in that area. He said litter is a problem wide spread and not only near his business. He stated a fence was suggested. He further commented the fence that the State has catches the garbage. He has a company come to cut his grass and all of the garbage is picked up.

Ray stated a previous restraining order was issued to the neighbor due to a complaint with their gas truck. Chairman stated he is well aware of the issue and he said he has been to the premise and has not ever seen an enormous percentage of garbage at this location.

Dave Mertens stated he would like the water issues taken care of within the town; with further discussion held regarding the most recent road report and future road repairs.

Adjourn

Dave Mertens made a motion to adjourn. Second by Bob Boncher. Voice vote 17-0
Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 pm.

The elected members of the April, 2015 election were sworn in by the Clerk for a 2 year term.
Chairman Lee Dechamps, Supervisor Ryan DeBroux, Constable Gary Jacobs, Treasurer Lori Geniesse

Clerk Debbie Mercier was sworn in by Chairman Dechamps. Toni Mertens was reappointed as the Secretary to the Board of Appeals at the regular meeting of April 14, 2015 and was sworn in by the Clerk.

Chairman Dechamps presented a plaque to Supervisor Dianne Jacobs and thanked her for her many years of dedicated service to the Town of Green Bay. Dianne had given 30 years of service as a member of the Planning Commission and 10 years of service as a member on the Town Board.

Submitted by: Debbie Mercier, Clerk