

**TOWN OF BROCKWAY
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Joseph Lyon, Chairman
Daniel Stang, Supervisor
Fritz Yamry, Supervisor
Debra Determan, Town Clerk
Patricia Weber, Town Deputy Clerk

MINUTES

On this 9th day of March 2010, the annual meeting of the Brockway Township was called to order 8:30 p.m. The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The first order of business was to select a Moderator to conduct the meeting. A motion to appoint Al Jacobson as moderator was made by Shauna Johnson; it was seconded by Bill Johnson. A motion to appoint Joe Lyon as moderator was made by Kim Primus and it was seconded by Irene Schmidt. After a show of hands, there were 23 for Al Jacobson and 21 for Joe Lyon. Al Jacobson was selected as the Moderator for tonight's meeting.

Moderator Al Jacobson then asked Town Clerk Determan to read the meeting minutes from last year's motion. A motion to approve the meeting minutes as read was made by Shauna Johnson and it was seconded by Kim Primus; no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was next. A motion to waive the reading of all checks and present the summary was made by Marvin Skwira and it was seconded by Matt Skwira; no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried. Deputy Clerk Weber then proceeded to read the summary. A resident stated that he wanted more information at our future annual meeting. A motion to have 25 copies of the previous year's meeting minutes; 25 copies of the receipts and 25 copies of the summary at next year's meeting was made by Bill Johnson and it was seconded by George Fiedler; 22 were for it and 18 were opposed, motion carried. A motion to put the summary out on the website was made by George Fiedler and it was seconded by Al Vouk; discussion followed; after discussion Al Vouk withdrew his second; it was then seconded by Shauna Johnson; more discussion followed; George Fielder then asked to have the motion tabled until later in the meeting. A motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Bill Johnson and it was seconded by Al Vouk, no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Old Business was discussed next. Moderator Jacobson asked Chairman Lyon to give a summary of status of Incorporation and what we have learned and have done with

it this year. Chairman Lyon explained that at the present time we are working on getting our zoning and planning fine tuned. We are also working with the county on this. Then Attorney Andy MacArthur gave a summary of Incorporation. Moderator Jacobson then opened the floor up to discussion. A question was asked by a resident of what the next step was with this now that we are being opposed by Sartell. Chairman Lyon then explained that we are working on this slowly and because we have other issues we are working on, it has taken a back seat for now. Another resident wanted to know how the zoning would be different if we were a city versus a township. A motion to suggest ending the pursuit of Incorporation was made by Matt Skwira and it was seconded by Avis Jacobson. A lengthy discussion followed. A vote was taken: in favor were 18 and opposed were 30; motion failed. A motion to have the board pursue discussion with Sartell with Orderly Annexation and to learn from LeSauk's mistakes with their orderly annexation was made by Jason Bernick and it was seconded by Shauna Johnson; discussion followed; in favor 22 and opposed 24; motion failed. A resident suggested that we continue taking our time on Incorporation.

The Stormwater Prevention Program next on the agenda. Kimberly Theilen Cremers from the Mississippi Renaissance Program presented information on the river and the connection to stormwater. She also explained what the Mississippi Renaissance River project was and what they are currently doing in our community. She also passed out information to the residents.

The St. Stephen Lions Park was discussed next. Chairman Lyon explained that at annual meeting last year the residents wanted us to look at purchasing the St. Stephen Lions Park. We do have some money available. We would need to develop a Park Plan, A motion was made by Pat Smoley to continue on the process on the purchase the St. Stephen Lions Park, it was seconded by Rick Stanoch; discussion followed; in favor 23 and opposed 17; motion carried. Chairman Lyon explained to the residents that this a non buildable lot.

CapX 2020 was next on the agenda. Pat Smoley talked about what was covered at the last meeting and what the different routes that are being proposed were. A resident wanted to know if there was anything that the township could do. Chairman Lyon let her know that we have no more say than the residents. We did send them a letter explaining why we did not want them to consider the route through the township.

The Planning Commission Report was discussed next. Zoning Administrator Bridget Chard did a review of what was done by them for the past year and what they are going to be working on this coming year. A motion to approve the planning commission report was made by Bill Johnson and it was seconded by Rick Stanoch; no discussion; all in favor, non opposed, motion carried.

Clean up Day was discussed. Chairman Lyon gave a brief overview of it last year. Our total expenses were \$3,857.22. We received a \$1,000.00 grant and 1,375.00 in the fees we charged the residents. The total cost to the township was \$1,482.22. He let everyone present know that there is a possibility that we might not get the \$1,000 grant

this year and that if we do not get the grant again, it could cost the township as much as \$2,500.00. Pat Smoley as the current Township Road Boss reported that there was a lot less appliances and other garbage in the ditches this year. A motion to continue to have a clean up day in the spring was made by Pat Smoley and it was seconded by Shauna Johnson; discussion followed, there was only one opposed to it; motion carried.

The Township Website and the possibility of hiring a webmaster were discussed next. Supervisor Stang reported on the quotes he received from a couple of webmasters. A resident wanted to know if it would be helpful to put a committee together to decide what to put out on the website. Zoning Administrator Bridget Chard reported that there are some documents that cannot be put out there, so we would need to put together a document policy. A motion that it's our policy to have a website and that we develop a list of what should be on it; and later on in the meeting we should authorize payment of it was made by Bill Johnson and it was seconded by George Fiedler; no discussion; 24 were in favor and 2 were opposed; motion carried.

The Road Report was next on the agenda. Moderator Jacobson turned the meeting over to Chairman Lyon so he could give the road report. Chairman Lyon stated that we mowed the ditches three times in some spots and have cracked filled 1/3 of our roads. He then let everyone know that we are currently rebuilding 75th avenue. There have been numerous issues with the 75th avenue project, but the only additional cost was an approach that we added. We are still within budget. Chairman Lyon also explained that by federal mandate we have to have a plan in place to replace our road signs by 2015 and by 2018 we have to have all of the street signs redone due to reflectivity. A resident asked about the road where the creek runs through. Chairman Lyon explained that we are looking at repairing it this year. We do have a five year road plan that we will review every year. A motion to accept the road report was made by Pat Smoley and it was seconded by Shauna Johnson; no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Since it was getting so late and there was quite a bit left to cover, Moderator Jacobson asked the residents present if they wanted to continue this meeting tonight or come back another night to finish it. A motion to continue this meeting was made by Avis Jacobson and it was seconded by Marvin Skwira; no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Moderator Jacobson turned the meeting over to Chairman Lyon to explain the levies. He started with an over all summary.

The revenue fund was \$65,000.00 and the board is asking for \$75,000.00 without any levying for Park Fund or website. A motion to up it to \$75,000 was made by Pat Smoley and it was seconded by Kim Primus; discussion followed, the motion was rescinded. The residents wanted to go through each levy before voting.

Road & Bridge has been at \$300,000.00 for the past ten years. Since that time the cost of doing a mile of road has gone up considerably. That is why the board is asking for \$325,000.00.

Snow Removal is currently at \$45,000.00 and we are asking for \$50,000.00 to cover the cost increases for the salt and sand.

Fire Fund is currently at \$65,000.00 and we are asking to raise it to \$75,000.00 to cover the costs we are currently being billed for by the St. Stephen and Holdingford Fire Departments.

A motion to add \$10,000.00 to revenue fund for the purchase of the park was made by Pat Smoley and it was seconded by Cathy Lyon; discussion followed; in favor 10, opposed 20, motion failed.

The Revenue Fund is currently set at \$65,000.00 and we are asking for \$75,000.00. A motion leave it at \$65,000.00 was made by Shauna Johnson and it was seconded by Bernie Leggatt, discussion followed. A vote was taken on this motion: in favor 19, opposed 19; motion failed. A motion to up it to \$70,000.00 was made by Bill Johnson and it was seconded by Shauna Johnson; discussion followed. A vote on this motion was taken: in favor 13, opposed 23, motion failed. A motion to up it to \$75,000 was made by Kim Primus and it was seconded Al Vouk, discussion followed; in favor 27 and opposed 4; motion carried.

Road and Bridge fund currently \$300,000.00 and we are asking for \$325,000.00. After considerable discussion, a motion to increase the entire budget by \$50,000.00 for all five funds as requested by the town board was made by Irene Schmidt and it was seconded by Jon Perry; more discussion followed. A vote was taken on this motion: in favor 31, opposed 8, motion carried.

A motion to allocate \$2,000.00 to implement the website was made by Bill Johnson and it was seconded by Shauna Johnson. There was no discussion so a vote was taken: in favor 10, opposed 10; motion failed.

A motion to reconsider the \$10,000.00 to fund the park was made by Pat Smoley and it was seconded by Ben Ferche; discussion followed; in favor 12, opposed 17, motion failed. Chairman Lyon asked for clarification if they want us to go ahead and purchase the park or if we should let it go. A motion to drop the issue of looking into the purchase of the Lions Park was made by Matt Skwira and it was seconded by Shauna Johnson; more discussion followed. A vote was taken on this motion; in favor 17, opposed 13, motion carried.

A motion to set a levy for \$1,900.00 for work on our website was made by Al Vouk and it was seconded by Bill Johnson. A vote was taken; in favor was 10 and opposed was 12, motion failed. Supervisor Stang agreed to continue to work on it.

A motion to set the 2011 annual meeting for Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 8:30 p.m. or as soon as possible after the election at the Brockway Town Hall was made by Shauna

Johnson and it was seconded by Robb Knettel; no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

This year our voting hours were from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A motion to keep the voting hours the same was made by Shauna Johnson and it was seconded by Cathy Lyon; no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Reporting of the election results was next on the agenda. Deputy Clerk Weber reported that we started with 1,621 registered voters in our township. We had 20 new registrations for a total of 1,641 registered voters in our township. The total amount of residents that voted was 203. For Supervisor – David Friedrich received 129 votes; Francis Yamry received 72 votes, with 1 blank and 1 solid ballot for a total of 203 ballots. For Clerk – Deb Determan received 164 votes, there were six write in votes and 33 blank votes for a total of 203. David Friedrich has been elected the new supervisor.

We currently publish all notices in the St. Cloud Times and the Stearns Morrison Enterprise. We also post all notices in the window of the Brockway Town Hall. A motion to keep the publications and posting the same was made by Matt Skwira and it was seconded by Bill Johnson; no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

A motion to adjourn this meeting was made by Cathy Lyon and it was seconded by Shauna Johnson; no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 a.m.

Debra Determan, Town Clerk

(Approved at the March 8, 2011 Annual Meeting)
Joseph Lyon, Chairman