

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

MINUTES

On this 10th day of March 2009, the annual meeting of Brockway Township was called to order at 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 select Chairman Joe Lyon was made by Steve Vouk and it was seconded by Pat Smoley; no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Chairman Lyon then asked Town Clerk Determan to read the minutes from last year's annual meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as read was made by Pat Smoley and it was seconded by Jon Perry; no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

A motion to accept the agenda was made by Kim Primus and it was seconded by Shauna Johnson; no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

A motion to approve the reading a summary of the checks was made by Matt Skwira and it was seconded by Diane D'Alasandro; no discussion; all in favor, none opposed, motion carried. Deputy Clerk Weber then proceeded to read a summary of the Treasurer's Report. Chairman Lyon then asked if there were any questions on the Treasurer's report. There being none, a motion to accept this report was made by Shauna Johnson and it was seconded by Todd Schwartz; no discussion; all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Chairman Lyon explained how we are progressing on Incorporation and why we wanted so many residents in attendance at this meeting. He then opened the floor up to the residents for comments and questions. A number of questions and concerns were raised. The supervisors addressed them. Some of the residents wanted to know why were rushing to Incorporate. Chairman Lyon explained to them that we have been working on it since 2004 when some residents at the annual meeting asked us to look into. Since then we have been working on it. He also let the residents know that it has been addressed at every annual meeting since then and that at last year's meeting the

residents in attendance wanted to know why it was taking so long. It was explained by all the supervisors that no decision on Incorporation will be made until we have received all the information that we will need to make this decision. They also let the residents know that once most of the information has been gathered, we would hold a public information hearing for all of the residents to present this information to them. A concern was raised by another resident on how much we have been spending on this process. It was explained to the residents that a levy of \$75,000.00 to work on this was passed at the 2007 annual meeting and that at last years meeting; they levied another \$25,000.00 to continue working on it. The supervisors then went on to explain that we have been spending most of the money on things that we needed to work on anyway, like planning and zoning. It was also explained that whether we incorporate or not, we will need to have all of our own planning and zoning in place. Another resident wanted to know why we want to incorporate. It was explained to him that we are looking into it to keep our township rural, have a tighter control on the planning and zoning and to protect our borders. The discussion and questions continued for quite awhile. The supervisors addressed each and every one of them. Before moving on in the meeting, the supervisors reminded the residents that there is not a time line to do this in. They will be taking it slow in order to gather all the information they will need in order to make a decision.

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program was next on the agenda. Deputy Clerk Weber explained what it all involves, that is mainly to protect the ground water. She also let everyone present know that there were handouts available for them.

The annual road report was next on the agenda. Supervisor Lyon reported that we crackfilled 1/3 of our roads. We also mowed the ditches twice, like we do every year. We also worked with the residents of the Zwack's addition to get their road upgraded. He also let everyone know that the residents were accessed for the cost of upgrading their road.

Setting the levies for 2010 was next on the agenda. Chairman Lyon gave an over all summary of all the funds and the amounts of what we are looking for.

The Revenue Fund is currently \$65,000.00 and we are asking to keep it the same. A motion to keep it the same at \$65,000.00 was made by Marvin Skwira and it was seconded by Pat Smoley; no discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

The Road & Bridge is currently \$300,000.00 and we are asking for the same amount this year. Chairman Lyon explained that we are looking at doing one really big project, 75th avenue. A question was asked if the \$300,000.00 would get used up just doing this project. Chairman Lyon was able to answer the question for the resident. A motion to keep the Road & Bridge Fund at \$300,000.00 was made by Steve Vouk and it was seconded by Matt Skwira; no discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Lyon explained that a number of years ago the Snow Fund was set at \$45,000.00 but since it had built up, we lowered it down to \$30,000.00. Because of all the snow this year, we have been using it a lot more and so the board is asking for

\$45,000.00 this year. A motion to approve \$45,000.00 for the Snow Fund was made by Francis Jansuchka and it was seconded by Jon Perry; no discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

The Fire Fund is currently set at \$65,000.00 and the board is asking to keep it the same. A motion to leave the Fire Fund at \$65,000.00 was made by Matt Skwira and it was seconded by Todd Schwartz; no discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

The board is asking for \$25,000.00 again this year for the Growth & Development Fund. A discussion followed with suggestions made by some of the residents that some of it be used for our website and the posting and gathering of more information on the pros and cons of Incorporation. A motion to leave the fund at \$25,000.00 and use the money to keep the people as informed as possible and use the website more was made by Kim Primus and it was seconded by Robb Knettel; there was no further discussion; 26 were in favor and 5 were opposed; motion carried.

We currently have 1,764 registered voters plus 1 new registered voter for a total of 1,765 registered voters in Brockway Township. There were 50 people who came to vote today. The results of the election are as follows: for Supervisor – Dan Stang received 40 votes; there were 4 blank ballots, write-ins – Keith Neuman 1, Marvin Skwira – 1, Duane Douvier – 4 for a total of 50. For Treasurer – Mary Wallenstein 49, write-ins – Duane Douver – 1 for a total of 50.

The Paper of Publishing and Posting Places were discussed next. We currently publish in the St. Cloud Times and Stearns Morrison Enterprise. We post all notices on the window next to the entrance at the town hall. A resident mentioned that we could look at looking at legally doing our postings only on the Internet to save money. Chairman Lyon explained that we will have to research this with our lawyer. Discussion followed and it was mentioned that a lot of people do not have Internet yet. A motion to keep the papers of Publishing and the posting place the same was made by Marvin Skwira and it was seconded by Jon Perry; all in favor, none opposed, motion carried. It was suggested that we also place our postings on the website.

The township recycle day that we did last October was discussed. We only did appliances and electronics. We spent \$2,800 to get rid of everything that came in. We did receive \$1,000 from a grant from the county and we collected another \$700.00 in fees. It did cost the township \$1,100. Chairman Lyon asked the residents if they wanted to continue this. They stated that they did. Chairman Lyon then asked if they wanted us to expand it, even if it costs the township some money. Some residents wanted us to start taking tires too. Chairman Lyon explained that we will look into what the cost would be to take tires. The general consensus of the residents present was to continue to do but expand it slowly, maybe just adding the tires this year. After polling the residents it was decided to do this year in the spring instead of this fall.

The St. Stephen Lions Park was next on the agenda. Chairman Lyon let the residents know that we have been approached by the St. Stephen Lions to see if we would

be interested in purchasing the park. Chairman Lyon explained that a concern he had with purchasing this park would be the cost of maintaining it. Chairman Lyon explained that we are looking for input for the residents to see if this is something we should pursue or research it more. A motion to look into the purchase of the Lions Park at the board's discretion was made by Pat Smoley and it was seconded by Francis Janusuchka; no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

A motion to keep the authorizations the same was made by Kim Primus and it was seconded by Diane D'Alessandro; no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Chairman Lyon then explained to everyone present that the regular Town Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and that the Planning Commission meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. A motion to leave them the same was made by Matt Skwira and it was seconded by Robb Knettel; no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

A motion to set our next annual meeting for Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 8:30 p.m. (or as soon as possible after the election) was made by Kim Primus and seconded by Todd Schwartz; no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

It was explained to everyone present that currently our election hours have been from 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Since we get so few voters, we are looking to shorten the hours. Legally, the minimum it can be open is from 5:00-8:00 p.m. After discussion, a motion to set it to from 3:00-8:00 p.m. was made by Pat Smoley and it was seconded by Todd Schwartz discussion followed; all in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

There being nothing further to discuss, a motion to adjourn this meeting was made by Pat Smoley and it was seconded by Marvin Skwira ;no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Debra Determan, Town Clerk

(Approved at Annual Meeting March 9, 2010)
Joseph Lyon, Chairman