

TOWN OF GREEN BAY, BROWN COUNTY, WISCONSIN
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday, April 12, 2005

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:20pm

Location: Town Hall

Attendance: Supervisor Cary Dequaine, Chairman Lee Dechamps, Clerk Debbie Mercier,
Treasurer Doris Jadin, Constable Delano Jansen

15 Residents were present.

Chairman Lee Dechamps called the annual town meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Review last year's minutes –

Louis DeCleene made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. 2nd by Barbara Stapleford.
15 Yes 0 No Motion Carried

Review Financial Statements – Town & Fire Dept.

Town Financial Statement read by Treasurer Doris Jadin

Betty DeCleene questioned who the ambulance fees are paid to. Chairman explained this is the amount paid for our contract Brown County Rescue Services and the fee is paid up front to service the area.

Louis DeCleene – questioned the New Franken and Dyckesville Sanitary District numbers. Treasurer explained the fees are charged 100% to the individual property owners within the sanitary district. They are charged as a special assessment on the tax statement, it is collected from the Treasurer and then carried over to the Sanitary districts.

Bob Stapleford – questioned why we pay to the Green Bay School District, he also questioned why the graph on the back doesn't match the dollars shown in the report. Chairman explained there is a section ¼ mile wide and about 1.5 miles long to the East in New Franken which is the Green Bay School District. The Treasurer explained the listed numbers on the report is what the town has collected, the remaining comes from the County in July. The County forwards to the respective districts.

Bob Stapleford – questioned if there was money put aside for a new fire station. The Chairman explained money was set aside for the fire trucks which was paid over a period of two years.

Betty DeCleene – questioned what the Bridge Fund was for. Chairman explained it was for the repair of a bridge/culvert on VanLanen road and this was the monies the County matched.

Chairman Dechamps questioned the break down of the Constable and Law Enforcement expense. Treasurer explained part is for the constable salary of \$30 per meeting and the remaining is the charge for the school liaison police officer.

Betty DeCleene – made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented and read. 2nd by Bob Stapleford. 15 Yes 0 No Motion Carried

Fire Department Financial Statement (moment taken to review)

Betty DeCleene – questioned the 2% refund. Chairman explained the refund is based on population – the Town of Green Bay is approximately 32 %. The refund is the money we get back from the State Fire Insurance Commission.

Bob Stapleford – questioned the \$30,000 income from the Parking Lot

Chairman explained cost share is split 1/3 between the three towns (Scott, Humboldt, Green Bay) for capital expense and split by population percentage for maintenance expense

Bob Stapleford – questioned why the disbursements were roughly \$26,000 less than the receipts – this year the Fire Dept. went over budget with the parking lot and the Pierce Fire truck repair. There are years they are under budget as well.

Jim Kuehn – questioned if there were to be a shortage would the town's be assessed more
Chairman verified they would be assessed for the shortage

Chairman Dechamps explained the Town of Green Bay pays approximately 32%

Louis DeCleene – questioned who determines the budget for the Fire Department. Chairman Dechamps explained the Fire Chief and the Fire Commission determine the budget.

Betty DeCleene – made a motion to accept the New Franken Fire Department annual report 2nd by Bob Stapleford. 15 Yes 0 No Motion Carried.

Bridge Fund for 2005 Taxes

Betty DeCleene questioned what the grant was for in March of 04 – Chairman DeChamps explained that there was a grant for Smart Growth

Betty DeCleene - questioned what is in need of repair and approximate cost?

Chairman Dechamps explained there are currently two bridges on Gauthier Road in need of repair and the County is currently monitoring them. Chairman DeChamps explained the Federal Grant will cover bridges of a Depth which is longer than 20 feet – ours is 19 feet 8 inches, so there will not be Federal grant monies available for these bridges.

Betty DeCleene questioned if the Town had monies available to put in the bridge fund – Treasurer Doris Jadin explained the monies put in at this time would be for next year and budgeted for next year and the repairs would not be done the same year

Betty DeCleene – questioned how a bridge could be replaced with a culvert. Chairman explained, allowance would be made for the capacity of water flow and due to the fact that it is now a town road and no longer a state road, we would have an engineer determine the solution to repair whether it be another bridge or a culvert

Betty DeCleene – questioned if the money is put in the Bridge Fund can it be used for anything else – Chairman DeChamps explained it could not be used for anything other than bridge repair. The County holds the funds until work is complete.

Bob Stapleford – questioned if we could put in culverts and use the Bridge Fund Chairman DeChamps explained as long as the culvert is larger than 30 inches the bridge fund money can be used

Dennis Bryan – questioned when we were going to have the Engineer review the bridges Chairman Dechamps explained the Board will be looking into the hiring of an Engineer. The cost of the Engineer would come out of the General Funds until we could submit the final bill to the County for Bridge funding.

Further Discussion Held.

Betty DeCleene – questioned Dave Mertens if he had any wisdom to share on the Gauthier Road Bridges

Dave Mertens explained, he feels the town could get by with elliptical culverts

Jim Kuehn – made a motion to appropriate \$20,000 for Bridge Fund with a 2nd by Louis DeCleene 14 Yes 1 No Motion Carried

Diane Jacobs – questioned if the Town could compensate the members of the Smart Growth Committee per meeting.

Discussion Held.

Diane Jacobs – explained there are issues with the suggestions of the County they are pushing the town toward trails, sidewalks, etc. The town would like to come up with a plan suitable to retain the rural atmosphere.

Discussion Held.

Chairman Dechamps encouraged the town members to get involved to help support the Committee in the Smart Growth Plan

Doris Jadin – questioned if there was enough in the Smart Growth Grant fund to reimburse the committee members Chairman Dechamps explained there would not be enough funds to reimburse

Betty DeCleene – mentioned she volunteered for the committee, not with the intentions of reimbursement

Dave Mertens – explained the town needs to consider the future of the town and the importance of this plan

Bob Stapleford – questioned how legally binding the plan is

Chairman Dechamps – explained it is legally binding, but it can be amended.

Further Discussion Held

Resolved committee members would be on a volunteer basis

Any other business presented by the Electors

Richard Vaness – questioned if there could be an ordinance that would not allow pit bulls in the town Chairman DeChamps explained they can not be outlawed, but the town could tax the owners in some way

Charlotte Gilson – questioned how many dogs are allowed Treasurer Doris Jadin explained 3 dogs are allowed, if there are over 3 dogs, a kennel license is needed.

Discussion Held.

The Town Board will review the issue at a later date.

Bob Stapleford – questioned the advisory referendum on the ballot, what type of impact will that have

Chairman DeChamps explained the Comprehensive Plan for the fire department is to be incorporated in the three town's Smart Growth Plan. He further explained the past plan presented to the Fire Commission was rejected 7 to 1. They felt more time was need for planning.

Discussion Held

Chairman Dechamps explained the numbers for a new fire station are not accurate at \$450,000

Larry Pinchart – questioned if the town of Luxemburg could possibly become involved

Chairman Dechamps explained it is possible he also stated a larger concern at this time is ambulance service

Betty DeCleene made a motion to adjourn with a 2nd by Louis DeCleene.

15 Yes 0 No Motion Carried

The Oath of Office was administered by the Clerk to Dianne Jacobs, Supervisor, Cary Dequaine, Supervisor, Lee DeChamps, Chairman, Doris Jadin, Treasurer and Debbie Mercier, Clerk.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Submitted by: Debbie Mercier, Clerk