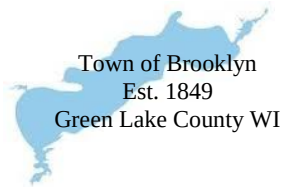


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Town Board Meeting January 14, 2025 Minutes

1. The January 14, 2025, meeting was called to order by Chairman Wuest at 6:00 p.m. Present: Wuest, Reabe, McConnell, Radtke, Triemstra, Treasurer Toney, and Clerk Wesenberg.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.
3. Review of the minutes from the December 10, 2024, meeting. Minutes approved.
4. Monthly Financial Report:
 - a. The Treasurer stated to date we have received approximately 23% of the total taxes and that online processing was going smoothly. Approximately 70% of those funds need to be paid out to the county and the schools.
 - b. The Clerk reported that there would be a primary election on February 18, 2025, for the State Superintendent of Public Education. There were two open record requests regarding the candidates for the April 1, 2025, election that had been addressed. The audit of the town's financials has begun.
5. Library Report – Christina Lyon, Director: Report was received and read.
6. Building Inspector's Report: Report was received and read.
7. Fire Commission Report – Ron Triemstra: report on monthly meeting. Berlin EMS has 119 calls in December (16 for Green Lake/8 for Town of Brooklyn). The fire department had a number of minor calls. There is a surplus in the fire department budget due to wages and equipment repairs being less than anticipated. There is a reoccurring problem with alarms at homes with absentee owners, which is especially problematic when trying to determine if it is a false alarm or gas leak, leading to a recommendation to change the building codes so that lock boxes with keys be required so that the necessary internal inspection can occur.
8. County Board Supervisor Report – Harley Reabe: report on monthly meeting. Vanessa Schultz was recognized for retiring after 36 years. A resolution was passed to cancel outstanding checks that have not been cashed. The checks will be reissued upon request. A resolution was passed regarding the 2025 wage increase of about 2%. A resolution was passed regarding the medical examiner's fees. A resolution was passed regarding the labor agreement between Green Lake County and law enforcement employees. A budget adjustment was made for the fair and IT. There was a closed session meeting which authorized the county administrator to terminate employment effective January 5, 2025.
9. Chairperson Report:
 - a. Road Report – Mike Wuest: There have been a number of acts of vandalism in the town to street signs, stop signs, and posts across the town. The Town does participate in Crime Stoppers and anyone who has information is encouraged to make an anonymous report. There has been only one snow event that required plowing.



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10. Supervisor Reports

- a. Recycling Report – Harly Reabe: The Saturday after Christmas was very busy. December had 9.3 tons of co-mingled recycling. 2024 tonnage was 138 tons, about 4 tons less than normal. It was demonstrated that there are a number of improperly disposed of items occurring and it is almost to the point where the cost to stay in compliance is making the town lose money.
 - b. Sanitary District Report – Kristin Radtke: In December there was a gun instance on the opening day of hunting season leading to the district to ask the DNR to restrict hunting on the conservatory properties. Update on the Area 9 sewer extension project (Hickories and Mc Affe Road) – options for connection to Shore Drive are close to being finalized. Easement documents also should be coming out soon. The wastewater facilities upgrades asked for \$3,600,000 and received \$2,600,000 plus \$1,000,000 in principle loan forgiveness. Regarding the County K carp barrier – grants are being pursued to install public-use fishing platforms. At a December 23rd special meeting it was decided to delay action on McAfee Road due to concerns regarding the length of the laterals from a landowner. Designs and costs will be reviewed.
 - c. Plan Commission Report – Sue McConnell: There is action being taken on two CUPs – one for Dartford Inn (agenda item 11), the other for the S&L Holdings (agenda item 12)– due to compliance issues. They are asking the town to revoke the S&L Holdings CUPs.
11. C & A Recommendation from Plan Commission on David Santee on CUP Application (Dartford Inn) – The CUP has expired and they were not in compliance with their POWT system. That has now been redone and a new CUP application is being applied for with recommendations for the county to review. A motion was made to approve the new CUP. M/S: Radtke/McConnell. Radtke – Yes, McConnell – Yes, Wuest – Yes, Triemstra – Yes, Reabe – Yes. Motioned carried.
12. C & A Recommendation from Plan Commission on S&L Holding LLC Hwy 23 for a marina, storage and sales office. Upon investigation the conditions put in the CUP have not been met; there have also been a number of complaints. A motion was made to send a request to the county to revoke the CUP. M/S: McConnell/Triemstra. McConnell – Yes, Triemstra – Yes, Wuest – Yes, Radtke – Yes, Reabe – Yes. Motion carried.
13. Update on the Green Waste Collection at the Recycling Center: The Town attorney is looking into what can be done to update the original ordinance and to provide clarity and for enforcement so that the DNR continues to allow us to participate. There is an employment opportunity available at the site.
14. Next Town Board Meeting February 11th, 2025, 6:00 P.M.

*Consideration and Action

Amy Wesenberg, Clerk