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Annual Meeting Minutes from April 19, 2022

The Annual meeting of the Town of Brighton was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

All votes were made by voice vote and hand count where necessary

There were one hundred twenty (120) town residents, plus board members (4), in attendance. The meeting was held in the Brighton Town Hall 25000 Burlington Road, Kansasville

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Sue Crane introduced and thanked Board members and committee members present as well as residents in attendance

John Toomey moved to approve the 2021 meeting minutes, Jonni Groschopf-second, approved unanimously (124-0)

Brad Witort moved to approve the 2021 Annual Financial Report. Jonni Groschopf-second, approved (123-1)

2021 Building Report was presented. Total valuation of building projects in 2021 was \$4,811,201. There were 9 new home permits issued. No motion made.

A succession plan for the Town Building Inspector will need to take place. Kenosha County is working on being able to provide those services to the municipality.

Kansasville Fire/Rescue Department Chief Ron Molnar gave an overview of events and equipment upgrades

Salem Lakes Fire/Rescue Chief Jim Lejcar gave examples of data investment, cost sharing for equipment and apparatus, new EMTs, training

Chair Susan Crane made mention of the following volunteers who helped around Brighton: Wack Family-ball diamond, Dale Daniels and Marty Vanderwerff-ball diamond parking lot, John DeBell-dog catcher, Darren Perona-heavy lifting, Kevin Beaver-keeper of 280th Ave, Bob Crane-keeper of 296th Ave, Vision Committee members-14 month commitment to learning about Brighton, Phil Young-beautification of town hall grounds

Chair Crane also mentioned employees of the town who also make Brighton run smoothly: Jason Fell-town hall interior updates (remove bubbler and replace flooring) Kim Springer-Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Linda's right hand, Dave Beth and Larry Derler-mowing town hall grounds, Election Officials-working ethically and efficiently to provide safe election environment, Supervisor Mark Schmidt-culvert checking, pot hole filling, fire sign installing, ASDA Enterprises great team garbage/recycling collection

Chair Crane gave "Brighton by the Numbers" for 2021

\$79,000 of ARPA (Covid) funds received, \$36,385 annual savings to town by changing garbage providers, 1,489 residents per the 2020 Census results, 563 homes in Brighton, 126 acres to Bong Naturalist Association from Kenosha Unified, 9 new home permits issued, 7 member Plan Commission (volunteer) each bringing an area of expertise to the table, 5 businesses in the town (Jeddy's, Wagner's, Aeppeltreow Winery, Brightonwoods Orchard, Reliable Heating) 3 stray dogs in 2021, 2 roads resurfaces (308th Ave and 248th Ave/17th St) and 1 outgoing Clerk-Treasurer, Linda Perona, who will have served 24 years at the end of this term.

Sheriff Dave Beth spoke to those assembled about the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department. It is the 3rd largest department in Wisconsin with about 400 employees. New Deputy Sheriff's training and Citizen's Academy ongoing. Encouraged wise safety choices (no keys in vehicles, doors locked, internet and phone safety)

Any other business: Jeff Kinzler commented that Community Conversation was informative, but what is the next step? Plan Commission to work on 2050 map for Comprehensive Growth Planning

Laurie Wright requested that town electors be able to vote on completed plan

David Wierzbicki asked why the 2050 map is "being pushed through".

Andy Wright any types of development not historically utilized at town level, whether County allows for them or not, should go the the people

Sue Crane addressed incorrect assumptions that have been made. Kenosha County asked ALL municipalities to review the 2035 maps and report to them any updates for the 2050 map. She stated Brighton's main task will be to obtain Boundary Agreements with neighboring villages and update woefully outdated Ordinances

Peter Weber asked about minutes from last years Vision Committee. Sue offered the notebook where they are kept.

Jeff Kinzler asked about a referendum with 3 or 4 future development options for Brighton.

Dave DeVito suggested a survey.

Neil Lakomiak commented that transparency is very important

Dale Daniels asked for an explanation of what a Boundary Agreement is: It is a way to protect town land from being annexed by neighboring villages. Sue Crane will speak with leaders of Salem Lakes and Paddock Lake

Joe Paukner stated that some sort of survey should be taken. Sue indicated that a survey will definitely be created

Michelle Kryszak asked if Plan Commission members could be added (currently 7 per Ordinance)

Ed Vos commented that options have to be available because cannot restrict development entirely

Jeff Kinzler agreed that most popular option should determine development

Jane Soderquist commented that small parcels are not needed in Brighton as many neighboring municipalities have plenty available. Town of Paris has a nice check list for residents seeking to split property that makes resident explain how their proposal would benefit the entire town.

Sue mentioned that John Holloway (Paris Chair) and Andy Buehler (Ken. Co. Pl&Dev) will be at May 4 Plan Commission meeting.

The next Annual Town Meeting date is set for Tuesday, April 18, 2023. Note: Per Wisconsin State Statute 60.11(2), when the Annual Town Meeting is to be held on the third Tuesday in April, no motion needed.

Melissa Given moved to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Lynn Diettrich -second, approved unanimously (124-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Perona, Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Brighton