Town of Calumet

Annual Meeting Town of Calumet

April 15, 2025

Chairman Breth opened the meeting at 7:00 pm, by stating that it is the annual meeting of the Town of Calumet. He mentioned that an agenda was established and posted.

Present: Chairman Don Breth, Supervisor Ben Burlingham, Supervisor Tom Bartels, Treasurer Jody Roffers, Former Treasurer Allen Feldner, Clerk Andrea Rieder, Eric Radandt, Dan Casper, Ken Haensgen, Marty Rake, Charmaine Jenkins, Jeff Krueger, Jodie Goebel, Robert Schumacher, Jeff Secord, Ann Schmitz, Jim Krueger, Mike Muellenbach, Angie Mattes, John Mattes, Lorn Waldschmidt, Kris Waldschmidt, Bruce Peterson, Mike McKinnon, Linda Baxter, Brian Schussman

Chairman Breth stated that notice was published at the town hall and on the website the previous day.

Clerk Rieder read the minutes from the April 16, 2024 annual town meeting. Motion by Angie Mattes, second by Ken Haensgen, to approve the minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

The next Annual Meeting will be on the third Tuesday in April which is April 21, 2026.

Don Breth presented the 2024 annual report. Breth discussed the revenue section of the report, highlighting changes in taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other income sources. He noted increases in some areas, such as state shared revenue and wind tower share revenue. Linda Baxter raised a question about the tourist rooming house tax collected and the cost of the software used to monitor this. She requested the Board review the need for the software at a future Town Board Meeting.

Breth went through various expense categories, including general government, public safety, and public works. There were discussions about specific line items, including questions about wage increases and overtime pay for town employees. The total debt of the town was discussed, including loans for road projects and fire department equipment. Baxter expressed concern about the level of debt for a small township. There was also discussion about creating a comprehensive list of town assets and their replacement schedules. It was requested to have a detailed report the repairs done on road equipment. Breth stated he would provide it at the May meeting.

Jeff Secord presented a detailed report on the recycling center operations. He discussed efforts to reduce costs, including closing the center one Saturday per month in winter and improving efficiency in handling waste and recyclables.

Motion by Jodie Goebel, seconded by Baxter, per WI statutes 60.10(1)(b)(2) and WI statute 60.305(1) to combine the offices of clerk and treasurer for the Town of Calumet to be voted upon by paper ballot. Twenty-three paper ballots were counted by Ann Schmitz and Jeff Secord. Breth read the results. Aye – 8, No – 15. Motion fails.

Motion by Goebel, seconded by Baxter, that Supervisor Burlingham be designated as public works contact for public works to be voted by paper ballot. Angie Mattes noted that this is an advisory role and not direct power so there can’t be voted on. Goebel suggested the Board takes it under advisement. Dan Casper requested a paper ballot be done to get electors preference. Twenty-four ballots were counted by Ann Schmitz and Jeff Secord. Breth read the results. Aye – 9, No – 15.

Motion by Jim Krueger, seconded by Haensgen, to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Submitted,

Andrea Rieder

Town of Calumet Clerk