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## Annual Meeting Minutes from April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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 twenty nine (29) town residents, plus board members (3), in attendance. Fire Chief from Salem Lakes and Kansasville Fire Departments were present along with Ms. Carrie Reid and Joe Potente. 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, the Clerk, as well as residents in attendance. Chair Crane explained the purpose of an Annual Meeting. Annual meetings are required to take place on the third Tuesday of April.

Tom Janetzki moved to approve the 2024 meeting minutes, Alex Ayers-second, approved unanimously (29-0).

Tom Janetzki- moved to approve the 2024 Annual Financial Report. Alex Ayers-second, approved (29-0)

2024 Building Report was presented. Total valuation of building projects in 2024 was \$3,557,461.00. There were 5 new home permits issued. No motion made.

2024 Holiday Decoration Awards were mentioned. 1<sup>st</sup> Place Alex and Andy Kreye. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Charlie & Cindy Kreye. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Tom and Laura Janetzki.

Ms. Carrie Reid- Principal of Brighton Elementary School- Brighton is the #1 rated school in Kenosha County. A few facts about the Elementary School- average class size between 16-24, standardized testing results show that Brighton is ranked as highest achieving. Enrollment averages 200 students per year. Girls' basketball and volleyball were conference champions. There are many leadership opportunities for students.

Joe Potente- Invited Guest Speaker shared a presentation with facts and information regarding Kenosha County. He explained the differences between a Town and a Village, shared that Kenosha County was rewarded for their fiscal responsibility, they are 1 of 7 Counties in the State to receive the AAA Bond Rating. Kenosha County Sheriff's Department is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest law enforcement agency in Wisconsin. Broadband cable

is making its way through the County and there will be 1000 homes between Brighton, Paris and Bristol that will be receiving broadband cable. County works to enhance quality of life in the community, with golf courses, and parks. 78,000 rounds were played at Brightondale Links in 2024.

Salem Lakes Fire/Rescue Department Chief Al Carr gave an overview of services for the year, 75 calls in the Town of Brighton last year. Always accepting applications. 2024 started staffing another station in Salem which helps services arrive in Brighton quicker.

Kansasville Fire/Rescue Department Chief Ron Molnar, explained calls in the town and surrounding areas. Stated department needs new part time personnel.

Chair Crane gave "Brighton by the Numbers" for 2023;

There are 1422 residents of Brighton, 1142 Registered Voters, 780 (68%) voted at the April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 election, 5 dutiful election officials who continue to work ethically for the town, 7 devoted Plan Commissioner's who volunteer their time, 3 stray dogs were caught safely, 5 new home permits, Town Road and 280<sup>th</sup> Ave. were resurfaced, the mill rate is \$1.25.

Chair Crane gave "State of the Town" Address. Since 2021 completed 9 paving projects. Continue work on securing broadband for the Town. The 2024 Audit was clear and complete. No debt, no loans, strong in financial standing.

Chair Crane summarized road work projects of 2024, which included Town Road and 280<sup>th</sup> ave.

Any other business:

The next Annual Town Meeting date is set for Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026. 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.

Michelle Kryszak -moved to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Jose Perez-second, approved unanimously (29-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Axton, Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Brighton