

Brooklyn Buzz for May 2007  
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**The regular monthly Town of Brooklyn Board meeting was held on May 8, 2007 at the First National Bank building, 7:00 p.m.**

**The following is an overview of the meeting.** There was some discussion on the format of the monthly financial report, and procedure for reporting on checks issued throughout the month. Different reports have been tried, still working to find the one that gives the most information, in an easy to understand presentation.

**Jerry Buhrow, our building inspector** reported on 4 new projects started in the Town since the April meeting, 2 additions, 1 new home, 1 alteration.

**Orlo Bierman reported on the Fire Dept. and First Responders.** Mike Havey donated an old pumper truck that has been restored and will take the place of the truck we currently use. There was no other report, as the meeting was cancelled. Ron Dott has resigned from the Fire Commission, due to time constraints both business and personal. David Mann, has been selected to fill the opening for a 3 year term. This was approved by the Town Board. Not enough fireman in attendance for a quorum, nothing further at this time. The First Responders are working on organizing their annual golf outing fund raiser.

**Ron Peabody reported for the Building Committee** – footings were poured on April 18, foundation poured May 8, plumbers were scheduled next, floors to be poured on May 13, then vault built, etc. Things are beginning to move along on the Town Hall.

**The ETJ Committee met on April 12 at the library.** This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> joint meeting. Things talked about at the meeting were: beginning to determine where the city can grow, and where the Town can grow. Sewer to various areas, and where there does not need to be sewer. A sample border agreement was handed out. A next meeting date has not been set, because the 2 committees are waiting to receive a map of the area to help them look at planning issues that we jointly share. There appears to be a positive feeling that progress is being made.

**There was discussion about the Town Website** – who monitors it, what should be posted on it, how much we pay to have it maintained, and should we consider hiring a local firm to host it instead of the state program.

**The following appointments were made:** Sharon Esslinger to replace Carolyn King on the Plan Commission; Mike Wuest to replace Ron Benson as chair of the Plan Commission; Ron Triemstra to replace Tom Esslinger on the Plan Commission; David Mann to replace Ron Dott on the Fire Commission. Sydney Rouse to work on getting the website in order; to be City of Green Lake liason person, and to attend the City meetings as needed; Sue McConnell to write up monthly board minutes to be submitted to the Berlin Newspaper; Mike Wuest to take charge of the Recycling Center; and Rick Krueger to be re-appointed to the Library Board. All appointments were approved.

Road Inspection date was set for May 22, at 1:00 p.m. Will leave from the First National Bank.

**Mike reported on summer meeting places and business hours. All upcoming meetings will be held at the Caestecker Library, no longer at the First National Bank. Open Book will be held on May 25, from 12-4:00 p.m. at the Library; Board of Review will be held on June 11, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. also, at the Library.**

**Public Comment** brought questions about the website, and how to set it up, Sydney asked if all our ordinances are codified, and should this be done? Yes. Will need to look into it as time allows. More talk about changing to a 5 person Town Board, and several citizens who were inquiring about the Summer Recreation Program and the cost that was being passed on to them by the City. They do not think this is fair to them. Explained that Brooklyn has paid the amount agreed to by the Town and the City for the recreation program this year, also agreed to an additional \$3,000.00. In 2008 we will be budgeting more than \$13,000.00.

**Next Town meeting will be Tuesday, June 12, 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Caestecker Public Library, NOT AT the First National Bank Building.**